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AN APPEAL

The Advant Season and Christmas is fast approaching. Christmas is not only a season of happiness to us alone, but also a season to make others happy. I take this opportunity of appealing to the friends of the Sooiety to remmber the N.M.S. workers. who are scattered all over India in most difficult places, even devoid of Christian fellowship and to send gifts for Christmas to enable the Society to distribute to the worker. N. M. S. does not pay anything extra to the workers for Christmas. Usually, we get presents from friends and disburse equally to the workers, who are in the field. **N.M.S. does not encourage personal gifts.** So, friends are requested to remember our workers and send their gifts to the office, "N.M.S., 102, Peters Road, Madras-14." Please also indicate in M.O. coupons as "Christmas Gifts."

Thanking you,

Yours in His service,
K. G. S. Dorairaj

Obituary

Late Diwan Bahadur D. Ananda Rao, B.Sc., (Edin).

We regret to record the death of Dewan Bahadur D. Ananda Rao, Retired Director of Agriculture, Madras State. He was 93 years old at the time of his death. He was a great supporter of the N.M.S. and besides giving his subscription of Rs. 100/- a year, he has given an endowment of Rs. 5,000/- for the N.M.S. in the name of his wife. His brother the late Dr. Ramachadra Rao, M.D., was also a supporter of the N.M.S. He has also endowed Rs. 5,000/- for the N.M.S. He was a pious Christian of exemplary character. In him we have lost a true friend of the N.M.S. We convey to his only surviving daughter Mrs. M Chellappa and a host of relatives our sincere condolences.

K. G. S. Dorairaj,
General Secretary, NMS.

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EDITORIAL

With grateful heart to God and with happiness, we understand that the N.M.S. Sunday was observed in this year in a large number of churches all over India. We are grateful to the church authorities for their cooperation and help. The Society's aim in uniting Churches in India to win her for Christ is being steadily fulfilled. Some of the Churches have sent in their N.M.S. Sunday collection, which is a very great help to the Society to fulfil her mission as an evangelistic arm of the Church. We thank all the Church-Heads, Bishops, the clergies and the congregation for extending their cooperation. May God bless them and their ministry abundantly.

Rev. K. G. S. Dorairaj
General Secretary

Observation of N.M.S. Sunday in Madras.

Prayer Meetings were arranged by the branches in different parts of the City. They were well-attended. The prayer meeting held at the residence of Mr. Ponraj Solomon needs a special mention, because he not only had a prayer meeting but he made it an evangelistic campaign by inviting the Hindus also for the meeting. It was also well-attended and the collection was Rs. 26.02.

In Royapuram Mr. Owen, our N.M.S. Convenor, arranged for an open-air meeting, which was also well-attended and the N.M.S. message was given and the collection was Rs. 36.42.

The Rev. J. M. Jayasingh, our Organising Secretary gave the N.M.S. message in the prayer meeting arranged in the homes of M/s J. Colton Samuel, and Y. M D. Dhanaraj and he also addressed prayer meetings at Annanagar, Kilpauk and Washermanpet. So, this year, we had a large number of branches observing the N.M.S. Sunday, and arranging for meetings.

One day Retreat and Thanks-giving offering day on the N.M.S. Sunday, at Madurai.

The One-Day Retreat was arranged by the Madurai City Area Committee to be held on 2nd October, 1975. This is an annual occurrance. This Retreat was addressed by one of our Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Grace Sathyaraj. She gave two inspiring devotional talks connected with the N.M.S. work. The Rev. D. Elias and Mr. Jayaraj Samuel gave an account of their work in the Jawadhi Hills. Our Organising Secretary, the Rev. J. M. Jayasingh gave an account of the work done by the N.M.S. in other parts the coun;ry. It was a helpful and inspiring meeting.

As we have to confine our activities during the fortnight of October in Madurai Diocese in the place of the Annual Sale, we had an annual thank-offering Day held on 12-10-1975. The Bishop of the Diocese presided over the function and the Rev. J. M. Jayasingh gave the devotional talk on the work of the N.M.S., to the gathering. The Madurai City Area Committee did their best in observing the thank-offering-Day on the N.M.S. Day and it was a grand success.

Deputation work in Thanjavur and the Annual Sale,

In preparation to the Annual Sale, the Rev. Elias, Mr. Jaynraj Samuel, our Jawadhi Hill missionaries of the N.M.S. did deputation work. They conducted prayer meetings in different parts of Thanjavur City. The Annual Sale was held on 22nd October and it was a success. We thank all those who participated in the preparation for the Sale and also the presbyters of the Churches in Thanjavur for their kind cooperation. May God bless the organisers of the Area Committee.

Madras City Area Committee.

One Day-Retreat.

This year's Retreat was conducted on the 26th October from 10.30 a.m. to 5 p.m. in St. Paul's High School, Vepery, Madras. In spite of heavy rain throughout the day, about 250 members and friends attended the Retreat. The Retreat began with a devotion by Mr. Michael Selvaraj (Principal, St. Paul's High School). Inspiring messages were given by Miss M. R. Damon of the American Advent Mission, the Rev. T. J. David, Miss E. L. Joshua (Ex-Organising Secretary of the N.M.S.). The Rev. K.G.S.

Dorairaj, General Secretary of the N.M.S. spoke about the N.M.S. and its fields. A quiz programme was conducted by the Rev. E. A. Asirvatham, C.S.I. and 15 books were distributed as presents to the winners. The intercession was conducted by Mr. David Balasundram and Mr. J. Colton Samuel. After the vote of thanks by Mr. V. G. Williams, Secretary of the Madras City Area Committee, the Retreat came to a close by a prayer and benediction by the Rev. T. J. David.

M. D. Selvaraj,
President, Madras City Area Committee.

Fields Reports of the N.M.S. Fields.

Madyapradesh—Dabra. The Rev. Edwin Sherring writes :—

Did Gospel work in villages—Temka, Ratoli, Dhamkau and Rassi. Attended Dedication Church Service at Isagarh. Bishop Din Dayal visited us. Did follow up work with John Robin our new convert. Made contact with enquirers, Jaswant Singh and Bhiswan Singh at Judargosh. Prayers are requested.

Nellore—A. P. Pastor G. Roshiah writes :—

Contacted young men at Rani Reddypet and Hindu students at the social welfare hostel and did Gospel work. Visited Leprosy Hospital, A. B. M Hospital and the military colony and did Gospel work among the staff.

Nepal—Butwal V. T. Abraham writes :—

Visited 10 neighbouring villages, as Ramnagar, Sakkamnagar, Bhainavahanda & c., held services, prayer meetings in Nepali and English. I was constructing a house in Kewli for our old widow believer, who was deprived of her land. There came a man to attack us. I prayed and had a talk with the disputers and they agreed to build the house for her. Praise be to God.

Jawadhi Hills. At Thongumalai. Mr. Meyyan writes :—

The Nattan and his parties gave me trouble by pulling down the roof and deliberately wrecking the fence. I am now attending to the fence work. Please pray for me and my wife who has been admitted into Vellore Hospital. Held open air meetings, when 40 attended.

At Jamnamarathur centre, Mrs. Robertson carries on medical work. 105 men 60 women and 22 children received help.

At Nadanur. From a certain village, a child aged 6 was brought. We prayed and the child recovered. The people were

much impressed. At Nadanur Miss Saramma does medical work. During the month 130 men, 50 women and 25 children received medical help. Here, in one case, a miraculous cure took place. A young woman was brought, being borne, in a dangerous condition. I prayed the night long and treated her. Within 3 days she was cured and walked away. Please pray for the family to realise that Jesus is the true God. Here in Nadanur, building work is proceeding well. 7 evangelists from K. K. Diocese came and did Gospel work.

At Kalyanamanthai Mrs. Mathurabai Victor carries on medical work. During the month 24 men, 66 women and 35 children received medical help. Cottage prayer meetings are regularly held in villages. One woman Anjeysis is much interested in the Gospel and she attends church service. At the time of harvest she looked up and prayed to Jesus and after the harvesting she called me to offer prayer of thanks-giving. This was a great example to all.

At Thongumalai, in a small village Chinnamanapparai a boy was lost. The parents came to me and we prayed earnestly and the boy after 10 days returned home. The parents say that they believe only in Jesus.

At Athipet, Mr. P. Rajayyan writes :—

We three workers interviewed 3 villagers. They say that they are willing to worship Jesus provided a church is built. The chief men received us very kindly. He is the head of 24 villages and he says that we should hold a meeting about the time of Pongal. Then they told us that they would give their decision. Please pray for us.

Bageshwar—Mr. Bachie Singh writes :—

Visited as usual men at their shops, bus stands and Melas. Had personal contacts with 3 non-christian families, 3 college teachers and 6 Govt. officials and spoke about Christ and the Gospel. My way-side pulpit attracts many and on their asking I present Christ.

W.Bengal—Malligachi. Mr. P. R. Gupta writes :—

After all, Mr. Samson Mandol will be receiving the baptism by the end of this month. Visited neighbouring villages. Had a new contact with a Muslim teacher and presented Christ to him. Visited Noor Mohammad, Sheik Isaq Ali and gave them pamphlets. Held Sunday services, prayer meetings in the village homes.

Rajasthan—Pushkar. Rev. Tyagi writes :—

I visited several areas in and around Pushkar, for personal evangelism. Distributed pamphlets and sold one Bible. Kindly

pray (1) for Kalithas Thaker, who has purchased a Bible and is praying daily to accept Jesus;

(2) For Hiralal who is ready for baptism;

(3) Mr. Hire Singh who is undergoing persecution for receiving baptism;

(4) For Sadanand a new baby in Christ.

Great Hymns and their Authors.

Rev. Martin Luther, M. A., D. D.
1483-1546.

"A Mighty Fortress is our God."
Sacred Songs and Solos—2.
Methodist Hymnal— 466.

As a hymn writer, Martin Luther ranks with Paul Gerhardt as the greatest hymn writers in the German language. Martin Luther, a son of a poor Saxon Miner, was born on November 10, 1483. He was brought up in a religious back ground and applied this to his musical ventures. During his life time, he started a movement that was to make his name practically synonymous with the great Protestant Reformation of the 16th Century. Though Luther is remembered primarily for this, he was also a man of great culture, a devoted musician, and a biblical scholar. He was ordained a priest in the Roman Catholic Church in 1507 and passed D. D. in the University of Wittenburg. He led a religious revolt against the Roman Catholic Church for the sale of Indulgences and for this he underwent great persecution. But for the help of his patrons and shelter in the Wartburg castle, he would have been burnt at the stake by the Pope. Julius or Leo X. He defied the Pope at the famous Diet of Worms where he made a memorable defence. The famous hymn, "A mighty fortress is our God" was written during his confinement in the Wartburg castle in 1529 based on Psalm 46 and it has become so famous that it has been translated into every language in Christendom including Italian. He wrote in all 30 hymns. He died on February 18, 1546 in Eisleben.

E. Paul Gnanabharanam

The role of our church to-day.

With many thoughtful Christians of to-day, the problem that simmers and yearns for a solution is whether the present day church has a mission. Is the church really a servant of God actively engaged to serve mankind seeking to save "the lonely, the lowliest and the lost"? Alas! our churches of to-day are mere ghettoes busy with the exclusive traditional methods of worship

and prayers and with enough antoganism between one church and another. We are still living in islands of our own—not in the Household of our Lord as one family under Heaven. The form of "church" we are following is alien to the soil with rival interests, people of one church and one group converting the sheep of other flocks in the exercise of the so-called soul-winning occupation. Is this conversion or sheep-lifting? The longing of Jesus, "That they all may be one" has faded away in our struggle and common obstacles.

Our dialogue are almost meaningless. We assemble under one church roof during unity octave. We preach and pray and disperse in more diverse ways than before. Should not all the churches come together and jointly take action against things that cause fear, hatred, poverty and distress and shall we not show to our non-christian brethren—

"We are not divided
All one body we
One in hope and doctrine
And one in *charity*?

Are we really striking out into new paths with new dimensions of love and service to all mankind? In our church life, with conflicting missions and hundreds of divided church groups, Christ is still sitting at the church-gate with a beggar's bowl.

Let us empty ourselves and act as a cup of tea to comfort and refresh man and not merely as a passengers in the bark of St. Petet in this Jubilee Year.

Ignatius Absoloam.
12, Venkataswamy Pillai Street,
San Thome, Madras-4.

Report from the Munnar Branch

During the Prayer Week from 6th to 12th October 1975 Rev. D Elias was in Munnar. He met many N.M.S. friends. After the usual prayer in their houses, he requested them to help the N.M.S. by prayer and donation.

A N.M.S. Service was conducted in the Pullivasal Estate church on 8-10-1975 by the Rev. D. Elias and about 75 persons participated in it.

On 11-10-1975 the monthly N.M.S. Cottage Prayer meeting was held in the Munnar Branch Hon. Treasurer, Mr. A. Wilson's house. To this meeting also nearly 60 persons attended and this was also conducted by the Rev. D. Elias.

On 12-10-1975, both in the morning and evening services held in the Christ Church Munnar the Rev. D. Elias gave sermons. After the evening service, an auction sale was conducted

in the Parish Hall. Free tea was served to all the people who came to the Sales. The net sale proceeds were Rs. 773/-

Mr. James Edith—one of the N.M.S. committee members was kind enough to accomodate the Rev. D. Elias during his stay in Munnar.

Although the weather was very bad during the Prayer week due to heavy rain throughout day and night, our God Almighty was good enough to shower His blessings to have the N.M.S. Day wonderfully with bright sun shine. Due to this many people participated in the Services and Auction Sales—Glory to God.

N.M.S. Week of Prayer and N.M.S. Sunday—Lucknow

This year the Local Branch of the N.M.S., Lucknow, observed the week of prayer and Sunday Services in a very befitting manner. We had regular revival meeting services in our Central Methodist Church, Lucknow, when members from all local churches were also present, and when Mr. J. James, Director, Every Home Crusade, a very forceful speaker, spoke and gave the challenging messages for evangelization. The services were held every evening from 6th to 10th Oct. when Mr. James had to leave for Batala on another engagement. In the morning, we had daily Bible Study through which many people received the Word of God. The climax of the meetings was the observance of N.M.S. Sunday, when our most respected Prof. E. Ahmad Shah spoke in the Central Methodist Church in a special N.M.S. Worship Service on Oct. 12, 1975.

N.M.S. Sunday was also observed in Zahur Baksh Epiphany Church, Lucknow, when our President, Mr. M. M. Maxton, Director of Every Home Crusade spoke in the Church in the morning Service and told the congregation all about the work of the N.M.S. in Lucknow and elsewhere. The N.M.S. Sunday was also observed in two or three other local Churches. The N.M.S. Fete will be held on Oct. 25, 1975.

The Local Branch met the expenses of the speaker's hospitality and travel.

We are happy to report this and expect more progress for the work of N.M.S. in Lucknow, by enroling more members for the N.M.S ,

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	Budgetted amount		Actual receipt	
	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
1. Punjab	200	00	—	
2. Uttar Pradesh	9,000	00	2,829	00
3. Delhi	5,000	00	1,790	00
4. Bengal	3,500	00	720	00
5. Bihar	1,000	00	105	00
6. Assam	1,050	00	—	
7. Orissa	1,500	00	380	00
8. Rajasthan	1,000	00	169	00
9. Maharashtra	9,000	00	2,088	33
10. Gujarat	750	00	25	00
11. Madhya Pradesh	4,000	00	652	52
12. Kerala	7,000	00	3,635	00
13. Karnataka	8,000	00	2,932	00
14. Andhra Pradesh	3,000	00	1,097	86
15. North Tamil Nadu	10,000	00	3,884	71
16. South Tamil Nadu	22,000	00	8,451	20
17. Madras City	40,000	00	24,054	11
18. Birth Day gifts	300	00	370	00
19. Miscellaneous	6,000	00	3,009	50
20. Interest	4,000	00	3,522	23
21. Field Receipts	6,500	00	1,858	09
22. **Project Support:**				
Thana & Muddebihal	5,694	00	2,445	25
Kanyakumari Prayerband	19,370	00	8,823	62
Bihar	3,000	00	1,675	00
	1,70,864	00	74,517	42

Contributions for 1974-'75

Bengal	500	00
Delhi	777	00
K. K. P. B.	1346	00
	2,623	00

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We Wish all our Readers

a Merry Christmas

and a

Happy and Prosperous New Year 1976

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CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

"For unto you is born this day in the City of David a Saviour which is Christ the Lord." — Luke 2 : 11.

In this message of the angels, we have the true diagnosis of the meaning of Christmas, as recorded by a doctor 1,900 years ago. That doctor was Luke, In this verse, we have the crux, the core and the centre of Christian life.

Unto you	—	That is personal
This day	—	That is present
A Saviour	—	That is precious.

This experience is all the difference that makes in the world between the understanding of the words—"Christmas" and "Christ". Millions make a holiday over the former and only a mockery over the latter. Alas! Christ is cruelly crowded out of the special day, which is meant to remember Him. If Christmas is to be celebrated at all, it should be to the glory of God, contributing and spreading peace on earth and establishing good-will among all men.

There are two different accounts of the reception of our Lord Jesus, when He came to this world 1,900 years ago. The first to welcome Him were a few shepherds, who came to seek a Saviour. They came and worshipped Him. The second group to welcome Jesus were wisemen, scientists, wealthy men from the East seeking a King. The lesson from this is that it refers to Christ's first and second coming. He came first as a Saviour seeking the lonely and the lost. He will come again a second time as a King in triumph. Only as we own Him as a Saviour, we can receive Him as a King.

E. P. G.

Dedication of the Nadanoor Chapel-cum-School-cum-Dispensary, in Jawadhi Hills, North Arcot Dt., on 30th November, 1975

Nadanoor Project was started 8 years ago with the kind co-operation and financial support of St. John's Church in Fort, Vellore. First, it was started as an evangelistic centre. Later, the congregation of St. John's church composing of doctors of the C.M.C., Vellore, took very keen interest and visited the centre regularly. So, a nurse by name Sarammal George was stationed to carry on the medical work. Mr. Gnanamuthu, the evangelist was also taking interest in medical and evangelistic work. So, the Gospel team of St. John's church were much interested in the work and they felt the need for a building. The Missionary, the Rev. D. Elias was the person, who strove hard to get the piece of land alienated for the work and also with the financial help from St. John's church, he put up a building. It is a humble building with thatched roof. The dedication of that building was done by the Rt. Rev. Henry Lazarus, Assistant Bishop in Madras, who is also one of our Vice-Presidents. A good team of friends from Vellore composing of the Presbyter of St. John's church, the Rev. J. Pratt, Dr. Abraham, Dr. Fre-che, Mrs. Job and other friends came from Vellore for the function and a good number of friends came from Jamnamarathur by lorry. The General Secretary of the N.M.S. the Rev. K G. S. Dorairaj, Mr. M. D. Selvaraj, our President of the Madras City Area Committee, attended the function. It was an inspiring function. We hope that God may develop the centre for the good of the hill tribes to develop both spiritually and physically. On behalf of the Society, we express our thanks to the members of St. John's Church, Vellore, who support the evangelist and help us in the medical work. We also thank the Marthoma Church in Bangalore for giving support to the nurse for a period. We also thank Dr. C. K. Job for his leadership and help in the development of the project and in the construction of the building.

K. G. S. Dorairaj

The Executive Committee of the N.M S.

The Executive Committee of the National Missionary Society of India was held in the Methodist Centre, Byculla, Bombay-8, on the 7th and 8th November, 1975, under the Presidentship of Bishop R. D. Joshi of Bombay.

A Brief Report of the Deputation Work done by the General Secretary of the N.M.S. and the Organising Secretary for North India, during the months of August and September, 1975

August, 1975

20—25	20th left Madras. 22nd arrive Jhansi. 22 to 25 — Visited Dhatia, Babina,— Preached in the churches at Jhansi, conducted meetings in tne Christian Inter College, Mission Hospital and the C. P. Girls High School, Jhansi.
26	Visited Tekhanpur and Gwalior — contacted churches and Mrs. Rani.
27—28	Visited N.M.S. friends with the help of Mrs. Daniel.
29—30	Visited Bharatpur — contacted branch members and renewed the branch activity.
31st Aug. to 2nd Septr.	Visited Kota — preached in the C.N.I. Church and contacted the members with the help of the Rev. C. E. Anthony. The expenses of deputation were met by the kindness of the church members and the Presbyter.

September

3	Visited Nazirabad — conveyed N. M. S. message to the congregation.
4—8	Ajmer — Visited Beawar, Pushkar and local N.M.S. friends. Thanks to Mr. Gladis Iswaraj for accommodating us. He says that he got the call to preach the Gospel through N.M.S., of Madras. We also thank Mrs. Iswaraj for providing us hospitality when we were in the station.
9—10	Jodhpur — The Rev. S. C P. Tyagi accompanied us—contacted the local Christians with the help of the local pastor of the C.N.I. and the Methodist church.
11—14	Delhi — Contacted N. M. S. friends — preached in the Churches and took part in the prayer meetings.
15	Visited Bulundhshahr, discussed with the Rev. Paul Das about the Allahabad property and returned to Delhi.

September

16	Attended to the correspondence work.
17—24	Started for Srinagar *via* Pathankot and Jammu—an adventurous journey. We were detained at Jammu because of the land slide for a day; when removing our things at the Jammu Bus-stand, the General Secretary slipped and got his leg sprained and calf-muscl eruptured. With that he went to Srinagar—Rev. John Raj and Jonathan Paljor, the presbyters of the C.N.I. were contacted, preached in the church and discussed about the opening of a centre in Kashmir. On 24th left Srinagar.
26—28	Reached Bareilly, U. P. — Our Ex. President, Bishop A. J. Shaw was kind enough to receive us and accommodate us in his house. There, we received the news about the invitation from Bombay to have the Executive Committee on Novr. 7 and 8th. Attended the hospital. The General Secretary was put under plaster and so, the trip had to be cut short on the advice of the Ex-President. At Bareilly, with the help of Bishop Shaw, organised a meeting and started the branch for which Bishop Shaw was elected President, Rev. Dr. Immanuel James, as Secretary, Mr. Doss as Treasurer. Preached in the Methodist church and the C. N. I. churches. Returned to Madras leaving Bareilly on the 28th September.
1st Oct. 1975	Reached Madras.

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"All hail the power of Jesus' name"—Songs and Solos 203 Methodist Hymnal 207.—Rev. Edward Perronet—1726-1792.

Edward Perronet who was born in 1726 in a quaint village of Shoreham in the County of Kent, was the son of a minister. The father was a great friend and supporter of John and Charles Wesleys that he was called "the Archbishop of Methodism". Young Perronet received profound inner inspiration not only from his father but also from John Wesley. Even though Perronet differed from Wesley on the question of lay administration of the sacrements, they remained friends and Parronet worked with him for 8 years on tour in Northern England. His attack on the church of England was very severe and by the publication of a satire, "the Mitre" the association of Perronet with Wesley

was broken off in 1771. He then became the Chaplain to the Countess of Huntingdon. This post also he gave up and finally took charge of a congregational church in Canterbury. It was, when he was serving as the Vicar in Canterbury, that he wrote this memorable hymn "All hail the Power of Jesus' name".

E. Paul Gnanabharanam

The following guide lines were chalked out by a group of persons under the leadership of Bro. R.S. Victor—deeply interested in the work of the National Missionary Soeiety of India—which met at Christukula Ashram, Tirupattur North Arcot Dt., Tamil Nadu on 6-10-1975.

1) Realising that the strength and outreach of a Society depends mainly on the dedication and zeal of its members, it was the unanimous decision of the group that all the members should start immediately in their own places—and later throughout India—Prayer Cells to deepen the spiritual life and witness of friends and supporters of the National Missionary Society and thus uphold and re-vitalise the work of the N.M.S.,

The group was of one mind in emphasising, that this should be the aim and cardinal concern of the Secretaries and workers of the National Missionary Society, as this is where the Prayer Bands are scoring over us in their contacts in all placcs.

2) Prayer Cells in South India should actively enlist members and at least a thousand members of these Prayer Cells should come in a Jathra to the Christukula Ashram, about the end of April 1976, for a day of fellowship, penitence, prayer and dedication and this should be a regular annual feature of our work. Similar Jathras could be held in central places in Northern, Eastern and Western India at a date convenient to the supporters of the National Missionary Society in these areas.

3) To harness the unbounded energy of youth in our work and ventures, to revive, without fail, the Summer Youth Camp.

4) To enlist and encourage honorary voluntary workers.

5) To challenge many more affluent churches and Christian Colleges and Institutions to support a worker in our Mission Fields and thus give them the joy of active participation in the work of the Society.

6) To give our workers special training, in consonant with the rich spiritual heritage and culture of our land and indigenous tradition.

7) To encourage indigenous forms of worship and music and organise, in keeping with modern trends, schools, worship and music.

8) The group felt that we should use, in addition to the NMS Intelligencer, all the existing Christian Magazines and periodicals to highlight our Prayer Cells, Jathras and other salient features of our work.

9) The group felt that the Society should revert to its original Indian Nomenclature "Bharath Christu Seva Samaj".

The above matter was placed before the Executive Committee, which was held at Bombay on 7th and 8th November 1975, and the Executive Committee directed that the above matter be circulated among the friends, supporters, and officials of the Area Committee for their consideration and action.

N.M.S. Sales Festival, Thanjavur.

The branches at Thanjavur Town, Blake High School and St. Peters High School jointly celebrated the Sales Festival on 2-10-75. Notices about the Sales Festival were published as early as 1-8-75 and cash donations were collected.

In order to present the achievements of the N.M.S. to the Christians at Thanjavur, we invited the Rev. D. Elias and Mr. Jaya Raj Samuel, the Missionaries of Jawadhi Hills, the Rev.J.M. Jayasingh, Organising Sceretary and Mr. Bakthan Theophilus, M.A. and Thiru Jasan Jayakumar B.A. of Madras. They gave messages in all churches and special groups in 20 places from 21-9-1975 to 29-9-1975. This had tremendous effect on the success of the Sales Festival.

The Rev. P. D. Peter, B.A.,B.D.,B.T., presided and declared open the Sales at 2-30 p.m. The Rev. Joseph Doraikan, ex-organising secretary, gave the message. The weather was fine by the grace of God. The special distinctive features of the Sales Festival were briefly as follows:—

Thiru Stephen Ponniah voluntarily donated the mike arrangements and brought new items like "Ice Cream" and "Merry Go Round". Thiru Joseph David made the novel way of donating the repair charges of the watches received for repair on 2-10-1975. The staff of St. Peters School made extensive arrangements for the supply of briyani and sweets for the stall. The Headmaster & Staff of St. Peters High School, Blake High School, St. Peters Ele. School and the members of the Women fellowship

actively participated in the celebration. The voluntary donation of medicines were sent to Jawadhi Hills for being given through our dispensary. All Christians of Thanjavur came in families and jubilantly took part in the Sales.

Our thanks are due to the Rev. P. D. Peter (CSI) for his able guidance, the Rev. Ezekiel Durairaj (CSI) for his active personal interest and the support and good-wishes of the Rev. Muller Selvaraj (T.E.L.C.) and the Rev. Devasahayam (I.E.L.C.)

The total collection came to Rs. 3402-16 and the expenditure Rs. 477-89.

Sd. S. S. Rajayya,
2-12-1975
Hon. Area Secy.,

National Missionary Society of India,
Trivandrum Branch.

The Annual Sale and Public Meeting of the National Missionary Society of India, Trivandrum Branch was held on Saturday, the 18th October, 1975, at the Y.M.C.A., Hall, Trivandrum, Mr. G. George, President, N.M.S., Trivandrum Branch was in the Chair. The meeting commenced with a prayer by the Rev. Ninan Oomen of the Marthoma Church followed by a welcome speech by Mr. K. George, Vice-President of the branch. Then Mr. I. Paul, Secretary of the branch related briefly the activities of the branch during the year 1974-75.

The Chief Guest, the Rev. V. T. Kurien, Principal, K. V. T. Seminary, gave a short educative and instructive talk, which was well appreciated. Vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. H. Fletcher, the Joint Secretary and the Rev. N. T. Jacob, Vicar, Christ Church gave the benediction.

After this, Mrs. V. T. Kurian declared open the Sale. The Sale and the Public Meeting were really a get together. This was well attended. A sum of Rs. 361/- was realised from the Sale.

Sd. I. Paul,
Secretary.

Reports from the N.M.S. Fields.

Bageshwar—Bache Singh writes: I am contacting a greater number of Govt. officials, college teachers, and shop keepers in their business places and conducting dialogues. Most of them are very receptive.

Bombay—J. P. Ashwal writes: Toured in South Kanara, Bangalore, Karkala. At Karkala N.M.S. work was entrusted to the Rev. J. D. Soans. During the rest of the month attended to N.M.S. work in Bombay City and suburbs and particularly, N.M.S. Executive Meeting work in Bombay along with the General Secretary.

Muddebihal—Mysore. Karnataka State. Mr. Frank Bhasme writes: Attended to the Sunday School work. Visited Lepergeri, Bidergundi and surrounding villages for personal evang.lism and conducted gospel meetings.

Rajasthan—Pushkar—The Rev. S. C. P. Tyagi writes: Contacted Mr. Mahadev Sanyasi (quite young)—After 2 hours discussion he accepted Jesus as the incornation of God to save sinners including himself. Bridge Kumar Kasi is undergoing persecution. He needs our prayers. Mrs. Tyagi carries our Gospel work in Ajmeer, Pushkar and suburbs. Visited mission Girls School and C.R.P. Colony.

Jawadi Hills—Thongumalai. Mr. Arumainayagam writes: There is a village Senkadu nearby. There is the house of the headman of the village where two men are eagerly listening to the Gospel. They eagerly desire for a church at Kalyanamanthai. Mrs. Victor is doing medical work—85 men, 96 women and 35 children were given medical help. At **Jamnamarathur** Mr. Robertson is doing medical work—110 men, 69 women and 34 children got medical help. At **Athipet** Mr. P. Rajian writes: I am conducting church services on Sundays doing personal evangelism. Now, that this season is harvest season, children do not attend classes. House visiting is being conducted regularly. Here too, people are eagerly listening to Gospel in our meeting and ask for a church. Prayers are requested for these people. At **Nadanoor** Sarammal George is doing medical work which is very popular—102 men, 38 women and 40 children were treated. Worker Gnanamuthu writes: That the dispensary and prayer hall have been built and the dedication will be done shortly. The children enacted a drama, "David & Goliath", which was greatly appreciated. For the first time, the tribal children boldly came out with us to Vellore and attended the divine service and took part in singing in St. John's Church.

Dhanbad—Bihar—Mr. John Thomas writes: I am visiting several villages, A. C. C. Colony and meeting men and present the Gospel. They not only buy the Gospel but carefully they are reading them. Especially, the poorer classes are getting more and more interested. Prayers of friends are requested.

Dabra—M. P.—The Rev. Sherring writes: Planned for a N.M.S. meeting at Lalithpur. Visited 18 villages round about Dabra. 95 Gospels, 150 tracts were distributed, conducted 3 film shows for men and women and children. Collected Rs. 42/-

Orissa—Puri. The Rev. Paul Sanjeevi writes: I am regularly conducting cottage prayer meetings, Sunday services and I have contacted several new enquirers men and women.

Nepal—Mr. & Mrs. Abraham writes: Visited several villages around Butwal. I am regularly conducting Sunday services, prayer meetings, in Nepali and English languages. I am sorry to report that Mr. Singveer, a recent convert is in Jail. 32 people took baptism in Pokra. Earnest prayers of friends are needed for their comfort and to enable them to stand firm. Mr. Diwar, a Saibaba follower, is now an enquirer. May God help me in my efforts to make them realise the need for a Saviour.

We are happy to inform our friends and supporters that the following transfers will be given effect to with effect from the 1st January, 1976:—

1. The Rev. D. Elias, Missionary in charge of Jawadhi Hills, is transferred and posted as the Organising Secretary for Tamil Nadu covering the districts of the Nilgiris, Coimbatore, Dharmapuri, Salem, South Arcot, North Arcot, Thanjavur and Trichy with his head-quarters at Jamnamarathur, N.A. Dt.

2. The Rev. J. M. Jayasingh, Organising Secretary for Tamil Nadu, is transferred and posted as the Organising Secretary for Kerela and adjoining Tamil Districts, with his head-quarters at Trivandrum.

3. The Rev. Paul Sanjeevi, after having worked in Puri for the last 8 years, is reposted to Jawadhi Hills to be in charge of the field.

4. Mr. & Mrs. Rosiah, our evangelists in Uppada, are posted to work in Puri.

5. The Rev. & Mrs. Joseph Wilson, who were dedicated as missionaries to the Andamans, will be sailing shortly to Port Blair to work among the Telugu and North Indian settlers.

Friends and supporters are requested to pray for the above missionaries.

Subscriptions received in the months of October and November, 1975

Uttar Pradesh:

	Rs.	P.
Methodist Church, Nainital	25	00
Thro' Mr. Bachi Singh, Bageshwar	17	00
Thro' Mr. R. P. Elred, Allahabad Sunday Collections	100	00
Pastor, Lal Bagh Methodist Church, Lucknow	80	00
University Area Branch, thro' Mr. R M. Vincent, Allahabad	75	00
Treasurer, Bareilly Branch	57	00
Thro' Mr. R. P. Elred, Allahabad	202	00
Thro' Mr. A H. Khan, Lucknow Branch	913	00
Thro' Mr. J. Das, Kanpur	100	00
Mr. Cyril A. Khan, Shajahanpur	5	00
,, P. P. Das, Aligarh	20	00
Miss M. T, Speake, Lucknow	30	00
Mr. S. Paul, Almora	250	00
Mrs. M. Gilbert, Bareily	24	00
Mr. R. K. Gill, Allhabad	25	00
,, F.S. Mathews, Allahabad	5	00
,, R. Red Giffes, Almora	10	00
,, S. L. Massey, Bareily	10	00
Mrs. T. Spancer, Jhansi	10	00
Mr. Kembla	5	00
	1963	00

Delhi:

Cathedral Church of Redemption, Delhi	8	00

Thro' Mr. Francis Pershad, Delhi

Mr. Francis Pershad	40	00
Rev. Yusuf Singh	30	00
Mr. R. D. B Paul	30	00
,, Paul Prem Chand	20	00
,, Sam Alex. Nathan	20	00
,, A. Pervez	20	00
,, K. K. Massey	10	00
,, E. B. Bhajjan	10	00
,, P. C. Eric	10	00
,, L. V. Singh	10	00
,, J. V. K. Singh	10	00
,, H. Y. Massey	10	00
Miss Sarla Lall	10	00
,, Hedy Lamaar	5	00
Mrs. Rosalind Raj	10	00
Mr. E. Cornelius	10	00
,, Mehtab Singh	4	00
,, S Frank	2	00
,, George D. Masih	2	00
Thro' Mr. Francis Pershad-thanks giving	128	15
,, B. C. Ghose	10	00
Mrs Hector Singh	10	00
Cap. I. K. Richard, Delhi	10	00
Mr. Walter Sherring, Delhi-7	5	00
,, Eric, Delhi	15	00
A friend	1	00
Mr. Jacob Masih	10	00
Mrs. R. Newton, Delhi-5	101	00
	561	15

Assam:

All Saints Church, Srinagar	150	85
Thro' Rev. H. Barla, Digholia, Sunday collections	342	02
Vicar, St. Michael's & All Angel's Church, Meghalaya	50	00
	542	87

Bihar:

Mr. D, A. Sighamony, Jamshedpur	20	00
Mrs. Veena Williamson, Muzaffarpur	60	00
Mr. W. Williamson, ,, George Mathew, Dhanbad	50	00
	25	25
	155	25

Orissa:

Thro' Mr. Rosaria, All Saints Church Lonavla, Poona Dt.	10	00
Thro' Rev. P. Israel, Church of Epiphany, Cuttack	35	00

Mr. A. C. Misra, Jatni	5	00
,, P. K. Sahu,	5	00
,, K. Chinnappa, Cuttack	30	00
	85	00

Rajasthan:

Thro' Mr. Henry, Ashapura Congregation Sunday Collections	5	00
C N I. Church Kota-6	117	20
Gospel Prayer Home Beawar	33	66
Thro' Miss G. David, Branch Collections	173	00
Mr. Bobby David Ajmer	42	90
Mrs. Haraison, Bharatpur	20	00
Miss G. David, ,,	5	00
Mr. Samuel Lazarus, ,,	5	00
Miss Dulcina Walter, Kota-6	5	00
Mr. Michael Herbert, Kota	12	00
,, M. A. Singh, ,,	5	00
,, Isaac William, ,,	10	00
,, Andrew Joel, ,,	10	00
,, AF Gardener, ,,	10	00
Mrs. E. Torne, ,,	15	00
Rev. E. C. Anthony, ,,	10	00
Mrs. Pyare Lall, Kota-6	10	00
Mr. N.S. Franklin, ,,	10	00
,, A Williams, ,,	10	00
,, W F C S., ,,	10	00
,, Robinson. Kota	25	00
,, T. Singh, Kota-7	20	00
,, R. P. Williams, Kota-7	5	00
Mrs. P. J. Masih, ,,	20	00
Mr John Gopi, ,,	10	00
,, Solomon Amra, ,,	10	00
,, A. Roberts, ,,	5	00
,, Eric Masih, ,,	25	00
Mrs. E. J. Jacob, ,,	4	00
Mr. & Mrs. David, Ajmer	50	00
,, N. J. Franklin Christian. Beawar	60	00
,, Pal Bijla, Franklin Christian, Beawar	5	55
,, Khairati Lall, Ajmer	10	00
,, S. L Sighamony, Jodhpur	20	00
Miss E. M. Lall, Jodhpur	20	00
Bro. K. V. Philip, ,	20	00
	828	31

Madya Pradesh:

Bishop D. Lall, Durg, NMS Sunday Collections	35	00
Thro' Pastor B C. Allen, CNI Church, Tarabahar	28	00
Mr N. James, Satna	63	00
,, Santosh D Singh, Durg	120	00
,, Dennis Harris, Datia	200	00
Mrs. Rane, Gwalior	350	00
,, P. Sharma, Gwalior	50	00
,, A. P. Maish, Satna	20	00
,, George Abraham, Satna	5	00
	871	00

Kerala:

Thirumala Prayer Fellowship, Trivandrum-6	50	00
Thro' Miss A. Thomas, Calicut	98	22
St. Mary's Church, Calicut	152	78
Thro' Mr. C. Thomas; Parasuvaikkal Branch	250	00
Mr. S. Lawrence, Trivandrum	10	00
,, Robinson Crusoe, Kaipattoor	30	00
Mr. Alexander Samuel, Quilon	47	00
Rev. P. I. Jacob, Kerala	5	00
Mr. Pushpanathan, Trivandrum	5	00
,, V.S. Varghese, Kumbanad	15	00
	663	00

Maharashtra:

Tamil Methodist Church, Parel	100	00
Secretary, Bombay Area Committee for the salary of Mr. Bhasme	608	80
Rev. P. N. Samuel, Thana	10	00
Mrs Grace Perian, Bombay	10	00
Mr. George Samuel, Shimoga	15	00
,, J. S. Francis, Bombay	10	00
Mrs. Margret Salins, Bombay	20	00
Mr. Satyavrata, ,,	30	00
Mrs. S. Furtado, ,,	10	0

Thro, Mr. J P. Ashwal:

Rev. James, V. Kumar, Bombay	10	00
Mr. R. Sumithra, Bombay	10	00
Mrs. Mabel Parale. Bombay	25	00
Mr. D. C, Eprahim, ,,	10	00
,, Samuel Shah, ,,	2	00
Byculla Central	21	00
Parel Telugu	55	00
Vikhroli	38	50
Bhandup	15	00

Methodist Church, Rahata, Ahmednagar	10	00
Chembur B. M. Prayer Union	10	00
Chembur Dorca's Samaj	10	00
Medhodist Church, Chitalai	15	00
	1045	30

Karnataka :

Thro' Rev. T. S. Asangi. Harihar St. Paul's Church Sunday Collection	10	00
Treasurer, UBM Jubilee Church, Udipi	219	00
Treasurer, Wesley Church, Hassan	126	00

Thro' Mrs. L. E. Soans Udipi :

Mr. Leeni Maben	7	00
,, Sebastian Salins	2	00
,, Leeni Maben	10	00
,, Sebsstine Salins	6	00
Mrs. Mary Charles	7	00
Miss Dora Amanna	12	00
Mrs. L. E. Soans	1	00

Thro' Mr. Francis D. Devaraj, Hubli :

Mr. F. S. Potgoli	2	00
,, W. J. Bhasme	2	00
,, James Devaraj	2	00
,, A. R. Lazarus	2	00
,, V. J. Bangera	2	00
,, I. B. Antin	2	00
,, S J. Banian	2	00
,, P. M. Kambli	2	00
,, A J Hombal	2	00
,, V. S. Gundi	2	00
,, A. T. Peter	2	00
,, S. J. Azagarni	2	00
,, R. H. Adina	5	00
,, V. I. D Haili	2	00
Mr. & Mrs. F. D. Devaraj	5	00
Thro' Mr. V. S. Eikos, Kumta from St. John's Church	147	72
Mr. G. I. S. Paul	20	00
Rev. P. J. Thomas	20	00
Mr. & Mrs. A. C. Salins, Mangalore-6	10	00
Mr. V. S. Eikos, Kumpa	10	00
Miss Kamala Watsa, Mysore	5	00
Thro' Mrs. Sathiaraj, Bangalore for Mr. V. Sebastian	60	00
Mr. E. D. Ananda, Udipi	50	00

Thro' Mr. J.P. Ashwal, Bombay:

Mr. Kenneth Aiman	10	00
,, S. K. Murthy	10	00
Mrs. Sarojini Aiman	5	00
Mr. S. E. Aiman,	100	00
,, J. Immanuel, Mysore	10	00
Methodist Church, Karnataka	10	00

South Kanara Area :

Rev. C. Kamdinya, Koppal	5	00
Mr. K.S. Walters, Mangalore	10	00
,, Daniel Soans, Uchila	5	00
Mrs. Bertha Prabhu, ,,	1	00
Mr. Prakash Kunder ,,	3	00
Mrs. Pramal Bangera, ,,	5	00
Mr. Daniel, Jayaseelan, Uchila	3	00
C. S. I. Bethel Church, Uchila	14	00
Mr. C. I. Bangera, Uchila	5	00
Rev. G. Pramodan, CSI Church Uchila	5	00
Mr. J. W. Soans, ,,	10	00
Mrs. Leelavathy Kairanna, Mulki	2	00
Mr. Gladson Salins, Mulki	5	00
,, Vijaya Ratnakar, Maben, Mulki	5	00
,, Moses S. Maben, Mulki	5	00
Mrs. R. A. Soans Coondapoor	100	00
Mr. Prakash T. Soans, Coondapoor	50	00
,, Samuel D. Ezra ,,	3	00
,, A. J. Suchitta, ,,	5	00
,, S. P. Tholar, ,,	25	00
Mrs. Nalini Prabhavathy, ,,	5	00
Mr. Johnson Ananda. Coondapur	5	00
Mr. Samuel Jathanna ,,	2	00
,, Manuel Salins, Basrur	1	00
,, Daniel Salins, ,,	1	00
,, Stanley Bangera, ,,	1	00
,, Ebenezer Kankada, ,,	2	00
Mrs. Stella Janet Joshua, ,,	2	00
Prayer Partner, Basrur ,,	1	00
Rev. D. P. Rangayya, Bailur	5	00
Mr. J. J Amanna Mangalore	25	00
Dr. H. Job, ,,	25	00
Mrs. S, Salins, Bangalore	7	00
Treasurer, CSI Church, Hospet	44	50
CSI Church, Bellary	20	00
Anonymous	20	00
Bishop, Sargart Church, Dandeli	24	37

Thro' Miss Rita M. Ashwal, Bangalore :

Mr. A. Dorairaj	6	00
,, S. Karkada	3	00
Mr. A. Dorairaj	6	00
,, S. Karkada	6	00
Mr. & Mrs. E. Bangera	2	00
Mr. S. O. Ashwal	4	00
,, P. S D. Ashwal	4	00
,, Rolland Ashwal	4	00
Mrs. Ullasini Sumitha	2	00
Mr. A. Dorairaj	3	00
Mrs. S O. Ashwal	2	00
Mr. Rolland Ashwal	2	00
,, P. S. D. Ashwal	2	00
Mrs. Ullasini Sumithra	1	00
Mr M. S. Karkada	3	00
Mr. & Mrs. E. Bangera	2	00
Mr. A. Dorairaj	2	00
Mr. & Mrs. E Bangera	3	00
Mrs. S O. Ashwal	2	00
,, Ullasini Sumithra	1	00
,, Ullasini Sumithra	8	00
Mr. M. S. Karkada	6	00
,, Rolland Ashwal	4	00
Mrs. S. O. Ashwal	4	00
	1471	59

North Tamil Area :

Thro' Rt. Rev. Henry Lazarus, Ashram School Contribution, Vellore	20	00
Ebenezer School, Katpadi	36	00
Dr. Y. Samuel Charles, Ranipet	25	00
Treasure, CSI Memorial Church, Salem	50	33
Thro' Mr. Jason Jayaraj, Kanchipuram	67	27
Thro' Mr. R. Daniel, Secretary Salem Branch	92	00
Thro' Miss A. Arthur, Salem-7	280	00
Mr. P. V. Mathew, Coonoor	10	00
Mrs. Prakasam, Coimbatore	10	00
Mr. J. S. Premkumar, Ranipet	15	60
,, T. Lawrence, Kookanoor	10	00
,, A. Isaac Newton, ,,	10	00
,, A. Thomas William, ,,	10	00
,, P Kanagaratnam, ,,	2	00
Mrs. Leelavathy Johnson, Ranipet	20	00
Rev. C S Paulraj, Dharmapuri	10	00
Mrs. Manickamma, Krishnagiri	10	00
Mr. V. N. David, Vellore	14	00
,, A. N. Schwartz, Dasarpuram	10	00
Mrs. Isabdla Charles, Vellore	3	00
Rev. John, Coimbatore	20	00
Mrs. Mary Dhanam, Vellore-4	25	00
Mr. D.L. Sundararaj, Nilgris	15	00
Mrs. Kirubamary, Kockanoor	1	00
	765	60

South Tamil Area :

Medhodist Girls' High School, Trichy-3	70	40
President, Nagercoil Church Ladies Missionary Auxiliary	80	00
All Saints Middle School, Trichy-17	34	00
Kanyakumari Prayer Band towards salary for Jawadi workers	3005	57
Thro' Mr. John Devaraj, CSI Church, Thiruvarur	83	50
The Elder, Bethel, Madurai-10	5	00
Thro' Miss K. J. Mcilroy, Neyyoor Industry	100	00
St. James Church, Villupuram	46	00
St. Peter's Church, Trichy-14	52	60
Treasurer, SIBS, Madurai-10	48	90
Arcot Lutheran Church, Vridhachalam	200	00
Bursar, American College	50	00
Church of the Redeemer, Trichy-14	100	00
CSI Church Goldenrock	33	17
Thro' Mr. D. Paul Singaram, Trichy-20	20	00
Mr. T. Thangappa, Kulathu-vilai	10	00
Thro' Mr. Y. Packiamony, Nazereth	280	00
Thro' Mr. T. Samuel, Thanjavur	110	25
Thro' Mrs Rachel Kurien, Dindigul	100	00
Thro' Mr P. K. Samuel, Nagapattinam	108	00
Mr. S. J. Abraham, Trichy	20	00
,, C. J. Anthony, Pudukottai	6	00
,, D.J. Paulraj, Virudunagar	30	00
,, G.H. Clarence, Cuddalore	20	00

Mr. P. Samuel Jayaselan, Jayankondam	15	00
,, Edward Devavaram, Trichy	10	00
,, George Raj, Madurai	10	00
Mr. & Mrs. John Victor, Kuzhithurai	10	00
Glory Samuel, Villupuram	10	00
Miss P. Gurumanickam, Ramanathapuram	5	00
Mr. Paul Doss, Madurai	1	00
Mrs. Jabaseeli Josephus, Trichy-17	10	00
R Paulthai, Tuticorin	5	00
Mr. G. Robinson, Madurai-7	5	00
Mrs. C. E. Smith, Trichy	40	00
,, Juliet Jebathai, Tuticorin	5	00
Mr. R. Paulthai, Tuticorin	5	00
Mrs. Joy Davis, Trichy-5	5	00
,, Ratnam Devapiriyam, Aruppukkottai	10	00
Rev. Jeyaraj Selwyen, Sirkali	10	00
Mr. S.P. Solomon, Nagerceil	5	50
Mrs. Gandhimathi, Tanjore	2	00
Mr. Devapiriam, Madurai	5	00
,, Fredcrick Sathiaraj, Trichy-14	115	00
Miss Shanthi, Dindigul	10	00
Mrs. Jane Frederick, Madurai-2	50	00
Mr. Frederick Sathiaraj	115	00
Rev. J. Thomas Victor, Chinnamanur	7	85
M/s. T. Cross, Viswasathottam	1	00
,, M. Panneerselvam, ,,	1	00
,, M. J. Mohanraj, Jayankondam	6	00
,, Sam S. Thambusamy, Poondi	12	00
,, H. W. Paulraj, Alangudi	5	00
,, John Samuel, Vadakankulam	5	00
Mr. Devaprian Madurai	5	00

Thro' Mr. Shelton, Kailasapuram :

M/s D Jeyachandran	10	00
,, P. Hemachandran	10	00
,, D. Thambusamy	10	00
,, S. Thasamani	40	00
,, J. Shelton	10	00
,, H. S. S. Singh	15	00
,, P. Jeyakumar	5	00
,, Umesh Appadurai	5	00
,, Mahesh ,,	5	00
,, D. K. T. Felix	6	00
,, Ernest Devapiriam	2	00

Thro' Headmasater, Blake High School, Thanjavur :

Mrs Stella Ignatius	6	00
,, Nesamaai Irwin	4	50
,, Esther Jeyasundari	9	00
,, Lily Rethnaboi	9	00
Mr. V. S. Devadoss Ponniah	9	00
Mrs. S. C. Dorairaj	9	00
Mr. S. Antony Cruz	2	00
Mrs. Maragatham Manuel	9	00
Mr. D. Stephen	5	00
,, A. Dulip Rajakumar	9	00
,, A. Sundararaj	9	00
Mrs. Beatrice Devadoss	18	00
Mr. D. J. Frederick	4	50
Miss Lilly Thanapackiam	9	00
Mr. J. G. Israel	4	50
,, S. D. Gunasekaran	9	00
Mrs. Indirani Doss	4	50
,, Janaki Jeyaraj	4	50
,, Jeyaboi Koilpillai	4	50
,, Ponnammal	9	00
Mr. V. Simon Devasigamani	4	50
Mrs. Margaretvimala	2	00
,, J. L. Daisy	9	00
Mr. M. Jeyaseelan	4	50
Mrs. G. Thangam Saroja	18	00
Mr. J. A. Doss	4	50
,, T. John Jeyaraj	4	50
,, A. Chandrasekaran	4	50
,, G. Beldoss	4	50
,, S. Koilpillai	9	00
,, E. Emily Ammal	4	50
,, B. Dorairaj David	0	50
	5.453	69

Madras City :

Bentinck High School	154	00
Lutheran Adaikalanathar Church, Madras-7	50	00
Zion Church,	10	00
Thro' Mrs. A. Dorairaj,	484	00
,, Mr. S. F. Jayavelu	56	50
,, ,, Thomas Bauliah Madras	73	00
,, ,, Pitchaipillai,	246	50
,, ,, Alfred Vetharaj,	35	00
Mrs. Stella Moses, Madras	59	00
Mr. S. S. Samuel, ,,	592	00
,, Dharmaraj ,,	482	50
,, E.P. Gnanabharanam Madras	665	50
St George Cathedral	100	00
Mr. R Joseph, ,,	458	00
,, J. F. Davaraj ,,	127	00
,, M. D. Selvaraj, ,,	517	50
Mrs. A. Kesari, ,,	26	00

Mr. S. Owen, ,,	122	50
,, Paul Das, Madras-51	1	00
,, W. Prakash,	6	00
,, G. Isaac Sathiaraj,	20	00
,, E. Lazarus, ,,	4	00
Dr. Jayapaul Azariah	20	00
Mr. E. Paul Gnanabharanam	5	00
,, P. M. Ambrose	10	00
Mrs. Vijaya Jayakumar	5	00
Rev. S Suviseshamuthu	50	00
Mr. Koilpitchi,	20	00
,, A. N. Joseph	15	00
Mrs. Hespibagh Velu	5	00
Miss E. L. Joshua	25	00
Mrs. Lilly Timotty	5	00
Mr. Stephen, Daniel	5	00
Miss. D. Jayarathinan	3	00
Mr. J. S. Gunasekaran	10	00
Mr. S. Edwin	10	00
,, George Harris	10	00
Mrs. Lilly Ernest	50	00
	4538	00

Special Receipts:

Jawadhi Work :

Mr. Frank C. Brown, Thirupathur	50	00
Treasurer, Prayer Band of Tamil Nadu Theological Seminary, Madurai	150	00
Mr. Sargunam, Pasumalai	25	00
Dr. Ben J. Ross, Vridhachalam	15	00
	240	00

Jawadhi Girls Hostel :

Indian Bank, Madras-1	500	00
Mr. G D. Williams, Madras	25	00
,, S. Retnaraj, Vadkamgulam	50	00
	575	00

Andaman Work:

Thro' Mr. Mohan Doss, Bombay	2,000	00
Sushanthi Church, Bombay	200	00
	2,200	00

Office Chairs :

Mrs. Clarke Vincent, Bombay	60	00
Mr. Samuel Raj, Bombay	60	00
	120	00

Christmas Gifts:

Dr. George Thomas, Kottayam	250	00
Mr. P. V. Mathew, Connoor	5	00
,, M. M. Duraisingh, Madras-7	5	00
Mr. T. Edwin, Ms-23	10	00
,, B. C. Ghose, Delhi	15	00
Miss G. S. Parthasarathy	10	00
Mr. Manickavasagam, Madurai	5	00
Mr. I. Daniel, Hooghly	100	00

Thro' Mrs. Bai Yesudas, Udyogamandal:

Mrs. Kunjamma Kurien,	10	00
Mrs. Lilly Kutty Samuel	5	00
Mrs. Chinnamma Dehanam	5	00
Mrs. Molly Rajan	1	00
,, Bai Yesudhas	17	00
,, Saramma James	5	00
Mr & Mrs. Simon Sundararaj	5	00
,, ,, James	5	00
,, ,, Noel	10	00
,, ,, Philip	5	00
,, ,, Cherian	5	00
,, ,, Jacob	3	00
,, ,, Johnson Devasahayam	50	00
Mr. & Mrs. Sushil Mohan	10	00
,, ,, C. A. Baby Kalamaserry	10	00
Mr. & Mrs. C. M. Mathukutty	5	00
,, ,, O. G. Samuel	10	00
,, ,, Thomas Udyogamandal	5	00
Mr. & Mrs. K. A. Eapen, Alwaye	15	00
Mr. & Mrs. P. V. Chacko Alwaye	5	00
Mr. & Mrs. K. T. Kurien	5	00
,, ,, MU. Rajan	5	00
,, ,, Rajamanickam	5	00
,, ,, C. V. Eapen, Ambattukavoo	5	00
Mr. & Mrs. Bobbichen, Kalamassery	5	00

Mr. & Mrs. J. D. Mony	5	00
,, ,, Kanagaraj	5	00
Dr. Benjamin, Muvathupuzha	15	00
Mr. Lukose ,,	5	00
,, C. C. Thomas ,,	4	00
,, M. E. Eapen	5	00
,, M Philipose	5	00
,, M. John Varghese	5	00
,, C. C. Jacob	5	00
,, A G. Abraham, Trivandrum	5	00
Mrs. Kunjamma Mathew	5	00
	570	00

Life Membership Fee:

Mrs. A. Dorairaj, Madras-14 (II instal.)	60	00
Mr. G. D. Williams, Madras	100	00
Mrs. Kripa Kripanandham, Puri	100	00
Mr. Luka Raj, Puri	100	00
Mrs. Salins, Bombay	100	00
	460	00

Tribal Students Scholarship:

Mr. J. S. Premkumar, Ranipet	75	00
Mrs. H. Jacob, Kerala	20	00
	95	00

Rev. J. Balasingh, Kulathur for Theological Training	20	00
Mrs. Rev. Lois Wilson, Canada for a special purpose	213	00
Madurai City Area Committee for Mr. Abraham's son's scholarship	200	00
Mrs. Edwin Sundaraj, Madras for Mrs. James Meyyan's relief	10	00
Thro' D. K. Kurien, Dindigul for Bihar Work	850	00

Birthday Gift:

Mr. A. O Vincent, Punalur	30	00
Mrs. A. Dorairaj & Mr, Thirumarai Francis Suriya, Madras-14	10	00
Dr. N. R. Thomas, Pennadam	20	00
Dr. Ben J. Ross, Vridhachalam	10	00
Miss Anita Joy Jebakanni, Madras-14	10	00
Mrs. Jesubai Rabindran, Karur	5	00
Mr. J. S. Gunasekaran Ms-59	10	00
Mrs. Grace Daniel, Trichy	5	00
,, N. John, Madras-59	30	00
Glory Samuel, Villupuram	5	00
Mr. J. S. Lindsay, Madras-7	30	00
Miss Usha Singh, Bageshwar	5	00
Mrs. Jayamathi Jayasingh	10	00
Miss Mary Vinora, Ms-21	5	00
Mrs. E. Baby Saroja, Nagercoil	10	00
Mr. Daniel Raj, Ms-15	3	00
Mrs. V. Mathuram, Ms-10	5	00
Mrs. Isabella Charles, Vellore	3	00
Miss T. Appadurai, Little Kanchipuram	30	00
Mr. P. V. Mathew, Coonoor	5	00
Mr. G. R. Parthasarathy, Little Kanchipuram	10	00
Mr. D. Thomas, Madras-10	5	00
Mrs. S. D. N Paul, Secunderabad	50	00
	296	00

Filed Receipts:

Jawadhi Hills	384	43
Muddebihal	42	76
Bageshwar	10	00
Rajasthan	3	00
Nellore	10	00
Isapanthy Ashram	416	76

Thro' Rev. Edwin Sherring, Dabra

Rev. & Mrs. Edwin Sherring	10	00
Mrs George	6	00
,, K. A. Nagarkar	5	00
Mr. & Mrs. D. V. Hoffman	10	00
,, ,, Benjamin Masih	8	00
Mrs. Kamble	9	00
,, T. Spencer	10	00
Mr. & Mrs. Hardwin Spencer	4	00
,, ,, H. H. Singh	2	00
,, ,, Job C.	2	00

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,, ,, Yaqub Masih	4	00
,, ,, Philip Mangi	2	00
Mr. Benjamin Y Masih	4	00
Miss Sharily Chawhar	2	00
Mrs. T. John	6	00
Mr. & Mrs. Hamilton Sherring	2	00
,, ,, R. P. Sagagily	2	00
,, ,, Markus B. Lal	2	00
Lalitpur NMS Sunday Service collection	21	93
	978	82

Madras City Prayer Meeting collections :

Thro' Mr. Y. M. D. Dhanraj	46	25
,, ,, Ponraj Solomon	26	02
,, Mrs. Robert Dawson	3	00
,, Mr. J. Colton Samuel	5	00
,, ,, Xavier	13	32
,, ,, Owen	36	42
,, ,, Vincent Solomon	65	75
	195	76

Grand Total Rs. 25,007-34

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

of

The General Secretary, N.M.S. of India,

From January—April, '76

JANUARY	3 & 4	—	Clergies Retreat at Madras.
,,	5 — 12	—	on leave.
,,	13 — 19	—	C.S.I. Synod at Trichy and camp.
,,	20 — 24	—	Kanyakumari—Attend the Prayer Band Meeting and camp.
,,	26 — 29	—	At head-quarters, Madras.
,,	30th to Feb. 2nd	—	Jawadhi Hills.
FEBRUARY	3 — 15	—	Tirvandrum, Maraman Convention — Kerala.
,,	18	—	Standing Committee.
,,	26th to April 15th	—	Tour in North India. — Detailed programme to be worked out by the Organising Secretary.

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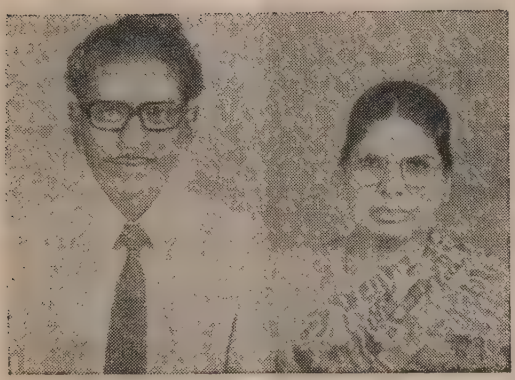

Rev. & Mrs. Joseph Wilson

Our Missionaries to ANDAMANS

Areawise income from 1—4—1975 to 21—12—1975

S. No.	Areas			Anticipated Income		Actual Income	
				Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
1.	Punjab			200	00	—	
2.	Uttar Pradesh			9,000	00	4,920	00
3.	Delhi			5,000	00	2,386	15
4.	Bengal			3,500	00	720	00
5.	Assam			1,050	00	1,042	87
6.	Bihar			1,000	00	105	00
7.	Orissa			1,500	00	645	63
8.	Rajasthan			1,000	00	1,007	31
9.	Maharashtra			9,000	00	2,558	83
10.	Gujarat			750	00	25	00
11.	Madhya Pradesh			4,000	00	1,611	52
12.	Andhra Pradesh			3,000	00	1,883	86
13.	Kerala			7,000	00	3,388	00
14.	Karnataka			8,000	00	4,076	72
15.	North Tamil Nadu			10,000	00	5,082	62
16.	South Tamil Nadu			14,000	00	13,796	24
17.	Madras City			40,000	00	29,445	73
18.	Birth Day Gifts			300	00	708	00
19.	**Miscellaneous :**						
	Guest	497	00				
	MLM Corpn. Rent	2,475	00				
	Telephone Collection	21	30				
	Others	61	20				
				5,000	00	3,054	50
20.	Interest			4,000	00	4,731	15
21.	Field Receipts			6,500	00	3,138	15
22.	Miscellaneous from friends			1,000	00	1,035	00
23.	**Project Support :**						
	Thana & Muddebihal			5,694	00	3,053	80
	Kanyakumari Prayer Band			19,370	00	11,829	19
	Bihar			3,000	00	2,275	00
	Total		...	1,70,864	00	1,02,522	27
	Total Expenditure during the period			1,17,553	26		
	Total income during the period			1,02,522	27		
	Deficit		...	15,030	99		

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A New Year Message

"GO FORWARD"

By

Bishop A. J. Shaw.

The year 1975 has also come to an end. As we look backward to the days and months of this past year we find many things which happened in our life, in the life of our family, in that of the Church or of the national and international life which proved to be painful, and depressing even now. But, thank God. there were many days of great blessings also. In the lives of those who love God, good and bad things work together for their welfare. Life is not all bed of roses. There are thorns which have to be watched and carefully handled.

Bat the past is past. It will never return. Yet, the mistakes committed last year can be repeated, unless we learn from our mistakes and avoid them in the future. The good that we did needs to be continued, improved upon and developed. We look through the past to be grateful to God who led us all the way to the present day. But, now we look to the future, the unpredictable future, the future which may have many difficult and dangerous tur ns and sharp corners. But, He, who has brought us thus far is sure to meet us at all turns and corners and will help us to look forward. It is He, whose command to Moses was:

"Speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward."

The Command, "Go Forward" denotes a sense and confidence of victory. The future is dark, we know this. But, God is the lamp to our feet. When He is our leader and guide, we have no fear. Our only responsibility is that we keep our loins girded aud go forward, however labouriously, however paiufully, making sure that in our progress we leave behind no good that can be taken on with us.

As we begin the New Year in the life of our National Missionary Society, let us remember the vision and devotion of those who laid the foundation of the Society. From the day the Society was started, it has marched forward. Through the years it confronted with many pitfalls, but should we not be gratefnl to God for the sacrificial services of those whose one great passion has been to proclaim the Gospel of our Lord. The Lord commands us to do : "Go Forward." Let this be our theme for the New Year.

General Secretary's Letter

Dear friends,

On behalf of the Society and on behalf of myself,

"I wish you all a very Blessed New Year, 1976. May God, Immanuel, be with you all throughout the New Year and Bless you with all the best."

Though I intended to write this as a Christmas letter, I could not do so, because of the heavy engagements I had. So, this comes out as the NEW YEAR LETTER. We assure you of our continued prayers.

As I review the work of the Society for the past few years and also the year that has passed, I thank God for all His mercies in the life and activity of the Society, which He has helped to increase in activity and in growth. He has also made our labours fruitful. We are happy to receive the happy news that 7 more adults were baptised in Puri and three people are ready to be baptised in West Bengal. Though the Puri little congregation faced great eviction crises under the Emergency, their prayers and those of our friends' were answered by being granted more time. In this we have to remember Mr. K. Koteswara Rao and Mr John Apparao, who did their best to help the poor fisherfolk without any difference of creed. Mr. Koteswara Rao's house. which was handed over to the Government is yet to be released for his use. Let us remember him and his needs in our prayers.

We thank all our friends and Executive Committee members for their generous contributions for Christmas Cheers to workers. We have received upto the 20th December, 1975—Rs. 2,670/- cash and we have distributed the same at the rate of Rs. 100/- per married people and Rs. 50/- per bachelors and married singles.

This was a decent amount so far given by the Society to the workers as Christmas gifts. So, on behalf of the workers, I thank all those friends, who have responded to our appeal in the N.M.I. as well as the Executive Committee members, who fulfilled their promise. After the 20th to this date, we have received Rs. 755/- cash, which will be distributed among the workers in the same proportion with their January salary.

I am also grateful for the responses we had for the folding chairs for the head-quarters to enable us to have the periodical meetings. Here, I have to mention the Puri little congregation, which has sent us Rs. 360/- for 6 chairs, in response to our appeal. We thank them for the same. We are also thankful to the Executive Committee members for fulfilling their promise in this regard.

I am glad to state that Rev. Joseph Wilson and Mrs. Wilson left for the Andamans as our Telugu Missionaries on the 18th December, 1975, and we just now heard that they had arrived safely on the 22nd December, 1975 and had their Christmas with the Christian congregation of the Telugu Immanuel Church, Haddo, Andamans. They could not get a house for them so far. Let us pray that they may get a house soon and let us remember their ministry of evangelism among the Telugu and the North Indian settlers in our prayers.

I am also glad to inform you as I announced earlier that the Rev. D Elias becomes the Organising Secretary for part of Tamilnad from 1-1-1976 and the Rev. Paul Sanjeevi is to take his place as the missionary-in-charge of the field. The congregation at Puri was very much attached to him that they did not want to release him till the 30th December, 1975. After 15 days holidays, he will join his new post at the Jawadhi Hills.

Dear friends, on behalf of the Society and particularly, on behalf of myself, I thank the friends and supporters for their kind response to our appeals and for their cooperation in running the Society. May God bless eyeryone of you. We are involved in our Master's task and as He prayed, we have to be united in our efforts, so that the world may believe in Him. You have been kind in extending your cooperation to us to run the Society successfully to the glory of His name. I pray that the same cooperation and fellowship will exist among us to bear the burden of preaching the Gospel in unreached places.

On the 20th of December, as I reviwed the financial position of the Society, I found that we were short of Rs. 15,000/- on that day. This is not unusual in our experience; but, I place these things before you all in time so that you may be pleased to take

timely action by your earnest prayers and by doing your utmost to help the Society to end the financial year without deficit. For your study, I give below the anticipated income and the actual income for the 9 months ending with the 20th Deeember, 1975.

Please See Statement given at the back of the front cover page

There are one or two things that are to be brought to your kind notice. Eversince 1966, the work has enlarged thrice and we had been strictly sticking in principle not to extend the administrative set up. So, the office is managing with only two staff members. Now, with the increase in work, work-load has become heavy. When I presented the same to the last Executive Commit tee, they approved of the appointment of an additional clerk, which is absolutely necessary to manage the clerical work in the office. This needs an additional expenditure of Rs. 3,000/- at least per year. I hope the members will remember this and help us.

There are challenges which we have to face and fulfil in our mission. We could not open a centre at Sikkim Though there is a call we need a worker and we also need a Maharashtria worker at Jawar and we need one for Kashmir too. Let us pray that consecreted men may offer themselves for this service.

Three years ago, we brought forward before the Executive Committee a proposal to run a girls hostel for the tribal girls in Jawadhi, but, as the Society depends only on indigenous support, we could not realise the same; but, it is an absolute necessity. To establish a Church, firm in faith, the girls also, are in need to be educated with Christian understanding. In the last Executive Committee, the members said that it would cost at least Rs. 70/- to Rs. 80/- per girl. We need, therefore, at least 20 girls to run a hostel. If any of the friends, who are willing to support a girl, he may make either an endowment or contribute monthly. One of our friends has promised an endowment to support a girl. Hence, we send this appeal so that we may be enabled to start a hostel by June, 1976.

Lastly, God had given me ten years of service with the Society. I and my wife are first of all grateful to Him for His mercies and His readiness to answer our prayers for running the Society. We also thank the friends and the Executive Committee members for all their kind cooperation, which we had for His name's glory. Now, another five years term has been given, which we start from February, 1976. We pray to God that we will get the same cooperation from friends and the Executive Committee

members. We request everyone of you to remember us in your prayers.

With thanks and prayers,

Yours in His Service,
K. G. S. Dorairaj
General Secretary.

Famous Hymns and their Authors 21.

Doxology "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

Rev. Thomas Ken D. D., 1637-1711.

Thomas Ken was born in July 1637 in Berkhamstead Wiltshire, England. He lost his father and mother while he was yet a boy and he was brought up by his brother-in-law, Isaac Walton, the famous English man of letters. Under his tutorship Ken became a brilliant student and passed his B. A. in the New College, Oxford and was also elected a fellow in 1667. He soon became famous by his contributions to the Church hymnody by publishing "Morning, Evening and Midnight Hymns" In 1665, the bishopric of Bath and Wells fell vacant and the following remarks made by King Charles II bear out the qualities of the man "Where is the good little man who will quite fit in the post for I want a man who can tell me my faults". On the accession of James II, he was deprived of the bishopric because he would not subscribe to the Declaration of Indulgence. It was in 1692 that he composed this Doxology which has earned for him immortal fame. As a man he led an impeccable life and died in 1711. Of him Lord Macaulay wrote "His moral character approaches, the ideal perfection of Christian Virtue".

E. Paul Gnanabharanam

From Rev J. M. Jayasingh, Organising, Secretary, A.C. 21/273, Valiyasala, Trivandrum-695023

Dear Friends,

Indeed I am happy to wish you all a very HAPPY & BLESSED NEW YEAR. Several friends have started to ask me,

whether I am still with the N.M.S. Yes, I am with the N.M,S. and I do the work as I have done before, though I have not w.itten anything in the N.M.I., since an year.

On 23rd of April, 1975, I was wedded with Jayamathy of Maruthancode in K. K. District. Several of you have prayed and sent in gifts and wishes for which we are grateful to you all. You are kindly requested to uphold us in your prayers.

Unexpectedly and suddenly, we were transferred to Trivandrum to cover the Southern 4 districts of Tamilnadu and the entire Kerala, having the camping centre at Trivandrum. Please note the new address which is given at the top.

As we have entered into a New Year, we have to look up to God for everything, because we do not know anything about the future. The Psalmist speaks out from his own experience in the Psalm 34: Vr. 5 that "they looked unto Him and were lightened and their faces were not ashamed". Yes, let this be our testimony too.

May the Lord bless you all.

Thanking you,
Yours in His cause,
J. M. Jayasingh

NMS Field Reports

Puri—Orissa—Rev. Paul Sanjeevi Writes: On the 14th December, I conducted communion service in the Baptist Church at Banvolipur. Returned to Puri on the 15th. Conducted Christmas and watch-night service. At Puri, 7 persons were baptised on the 27th, 2 marriages were solemnised by the Rev. K. Mahanthy.

Bombay—Organising Secretary, Mr. J. P. Ashwal Writes: For about 10 days did local work in Bombay, and proceeded on tour to Hubli, Balgaum Bangalore, Tumkur, and did organising work.

Dabra—Madhya Pradesh—Rev. Edwin Sheering Writes: Visited neighbouring villages of Ganeshapura, Bangoan, Mahapaguru. Conducted regularly Sunday Services, prayer meetings. Had consultations with Mr. A. B. David at Jhansi. I am suffering from high blood pressure. Prayers of friends are requested.

Pushkar and Kishangar—The Rev. S. C. P. Tyagi writes: Did gospel work attending Pushkar Mela work. My wife did personal evangelistic work in villages round about, visiting the sick and flood affected poors. Two youths Mari Mohan and Ramdeo were presented with the gospel by dialogue work. The Jansingh Head of a village threatened me and was about to beat me. The two young men sided me and warned the headman not to interfere. Praise be to God. Attended Methodist District Confcrence at Madar. My wife attended with me to Mela and mixed with ladies and distributed Christian pamphlets. A Muslim lady was contacted. She also visited hospitals and prayed for the sick.

North India Organising Secretary, Mr. Paul Singh writes: Visited Jabalpur, Bina and Sohagpur. Attended Bible Society meeting at Allahabad, contacted men at Bena and presented the Gospel to them. Conducted prayer meetings.

Nepal—Butwal— Mr. V. T. Abraham writes: Visited Paul chank, Gorakpur Khasante and conducted Nepali Service in Butwal. Khulbahadur family is suffering very much from illness, My son and I are not well. Please pray for all of us.

Jawadhi Hills — Jamnamarathur — Mrs. Esther Robertson writes: Treated in the month 118 men, 51 women and 50 children. The place is badly in need of a qualified doctor. I am doing my best. Several miraculous cures are effected. People praised God and are impressed with our work.

Nadanur—Mr. S. Gnanamuthu writes: Visited 6 villages adjoining Nadanur and did Gospel work. I am conducting night school and Sunday school work regularly. Prayer room and dispensary room have been finished and dedication took place on 30th November, 1975 and the villagers responded to our invitation. Saramma George attended to the medical work. 107 men, 59 women and 26 children were given medical help. Vellore C.M.C· staff visit us periodically and render help.

Athipet—Mr. P. Rajaian writes: I am doing Gospel work, visiting the nearby villages. I also conduct Sunday Services, night-schools regularly.

At Kalianmandai—Mrs. Madurai Boi Victor writes: Medical work is carried on. Last month, 102 men, 80 women and 49 children were given medical help. For the first time, women are responding to the gospel message. I visit their houses and speak to them about Christ and salvation. They present their difficulties and I try to solve them. Prayers of friends are requested. Throughout the month, my husband and I were busy with

deputation work with the Hill tribes Missionary Prayer Band, Christmas programme and house visits.

At Thongumalai — Mr. Arumainayagam writes: Visited more than 11 adjoining Villages and did gospel work. I conducted Sunday Services as usual. Here in this village, there is one Periapayan. When I had contacted and had conversation with him, he accepted Christ as the true God and admitted the folly of his fore fathers in worshipping false Gods. However, on account of Social ties, they are unableto come out openly for Christ. Friends are requested to pray for them to strengthen their faith.

At Veerapanoor Mr. Selvam Samuel writes : Medical help is given to villagers. Last month 64 men, 52 women and 10 children received aid. On one day—one Ram, Goundan by name requested me to visit his house to say "Mantram" as his child was ill. This was a spring board for me and am following it up. Prayers of friends are requested for the deepening of the faith.

At Alleri—Mr. Jayaraj Samuel writes : Visited over a dozen villages round about my village and am presenting the Gospel to them. One Valliammal by name was sufferlng from stomach ache for the last 3 months and by our treatment she has recovered and she is responding to our Gospel call. Friends are requested to remember us and our work in their prayers.

A Brief Statement about the Life and call to the Missionary Work by Rev. Joseph Wilson

I was born in a small village called Munipalle in Guntur District in Andrapradesh in 1931 to poor Christian parents— Garapati Prakasam and Mariyamma. I studied in a village school till 4th standard. After that, I stopped my education to help my parents in the farm work till my 15th year. Then I joined the Army and served for three years. When I returned to my village, I was married and we have 3 children. As I was anxious to study the Bible, I passed my 8th std. examination privately.

After this, I worked in the Government Electricity Dept. as carpenter, linesman and in the Veterinary College as Laboratory

Assistant at Bapatla and Tirupati for three years. When I returned home, I was elected as the elder of the local congregation and Secretary of the Church. As my desire to study and understand Bible grew stronger, I asked my Pastor to send me to the Seminary for 3 weeks course for elders. But, this chance did not stop with 3 weeks but it went upto 7 years. I underwent the voluntary workers course at Rajamundry Theological College, came to my parish and worked as an honorary worker for one year and then went to second year's course in the same college.

When I finished this course, as first of the 40 students, a call came from the Orissa State through a Missionary doctor Lady to work as an evangelist in the hospital there. I served there for six years (1963 to 1969). While I was in Orissa, the Missionary doctor Lady kindly asked the Principal of the College to take me for the third year theological course. While studying and doing my work, I passed my Matric Exam. privately in 1969.

When the Rev. S.W. Schmithuer was elected as the President of the Andhra Evangelical Lutheran Church, he called me to the mother church and ordained me and put me to work at Ipur Parish, where my son was also working as an evangelist. In 1970, I and my son together applied for B.Th. Course. We were accepted and we were studying together in the same class. As we were finishing the course, a call came to me to work in the New Kandla Port, Kutch Dt. of Gujarat State. I was sent to survey the field and I returned and reported to the President about the situation there. As I finished my course, a call came from the N.M.S., through their Intelligencer for a Telugu missionary to work in the Andaman islands. So, the challenge was presented to us. When I quietly waited on the Lord, I wrote in my testament in answer to the question "WHO WILL SEND? and WHO WILL GO", "I WILL GO" and the Andhra Evangelical Lutheran Church will send," I met our President. He encouraged me to accept the challenge. So, he sent another pastor to Gujarat and commissioned both of us as Missionaries to Gujarat and the Andamans. My application through the President was accepted by the N.M.S., during their Executive Committee in Bombay, and beeause the Tamilians of Bombay were the sponsers of the Andaman Project, a commissioning service by the N.M.S. was held in which myself and my wife were commissioned to be the missionaries to the Telugu and the North Indian Settlers in the Andamans. According to God's will, we embarked from Madras on 18th December, 1975 and arrived in the Andamans on 22nd December, 1975. I request the prayers of friends that God may be with us and guide us to do a fruitful missionary work in the Andaman Islands.

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OBITUARY

Late Mr. Frank C. Brown, Tirupattur, North Arcot Dt: We regret to inform the readers about the death of Mr. Frank C. Brown of Thirupattur, North Arcot. He was born in Scotland in an affluent family and came to India on the influence of late Dr. E. F. Paton He stayed three years in the Ashram and considerably identified himself with the Indians. Then, he gave himself to the Y.M.C.A. and was the warden for Y.M.C.A. Boys Hostel, which he started for the Christian Youth Club. He was a supporting friend of the Society and helpful in getting supporting friends to the Society. In his death we have lost a good missionary and a good friend of the Society.

Late Mr. Lilly E. Soans, Udipi: We regret to record the death of Mrs. Lilly E. Soans, wife of late Christy Soans, Secretary of the N.M.S. Udipi Branch, on 3—12—1975. She was entrusted with the work by late Mr. J. Amoda. She faithfully carried on the work of raising funds for the Gospel work for the N.M.S. in spite of her ailments till the end. We convey our condolences to the members of her family, especially to her son, Prabhakar Soans, who is now in the gulf.

Late Dr. R. D Paul, D.D., I.C.S. (Retd.): We regret to report the death in Madras of Dr. R. D. Paul D.D., I.C.S. (Retd.) Having retired from the Madras State Government Service, as Secretary to Government, he devoted himself to the service of the church for nearly 2 decades—for some years as Secretary of C.S.I. Synod and for some years as Bursar, Madras Christian College. He was conferred the degree of D. D. by the Seranpore university for his research in C.S.I. history. He was also a member of the World Council of Churches. He was a good friend of the N.M.S. He was for some time a Vice President and Chairman of the N.M.S. Standing Committee. We convey our sympathies to the members of the bereaved family.

ANNOUNCEMENT

We are happy to be informed that the Indian Missionary Society is opening a Centre in Sukma Taluk of Bastar District in Madhya Pradesh. We support them with prayer.

General Secretary,
N.M.S.

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EDITORIAL

In my tours in different parts of our Country, during the last 10 years, I met old N. M. S. friends and supporters. They always talk high of the Rural Christian Service Fellowship camps and their experiences in those camps. There are people who received much spiritual help and sense of calling to service, to be of service, to their own fellowmen and to the ministry of the Church. Hence, I feel that the N.M.S. has to revive this camp to create Missionary zeal and enthusiasm in the minds of the youths, as well as a "call to service" to their fellowmen. The experiences about this camp by our Ex. N.M.S. Missionary the Rev. R. Gnanadikam and Ex. Camper Mr. K. P. Mathai of the South India Biblical Seminary are appearing in this issue. These two statements of their experience and appreciation will surely impress on the members about the importance to revive these rural camps. So, I would request the friends and the Ex-campers who had experience in conducting and participating in these camps to write briefly their experience and send them to the head-office, so that we can publish the same. We are thinking and praying for reviving these camps in the coming summer. But, as you know, that in the past, N.M.S. was getting some financial help from the N.C.C., towards the camp expenses. But, now, it is not possible. Hence, the camps have to be conducted on a self-supporting basis. It is too much to expect the youths to meet the whole expenses. We can ask the members to meet their travel and we will have to supply at least food. So, friends, who had experience of these camps can help the society by sending donations for the camp indicating "Camp Funds" and also they are requested to kindly send their Children and wards and pray that the camp may be revived and be of use to the Christian youths and the Church.

Rev. K. G. S. Dorairaj,
General Secretary

Experience of Rural Christian Service Fellowship Camp

In the year 1932, during the summer vacation, late Mr. S. J. Doraiswamy (Ex-General Secretary, N.M.S.) who was then the S.C.M. Secretary in Tamil Nadu started a Rural Christian Service Fellowship Camp for college students, both for boys and girls. A little later, Miss G. Gnanadikam (Retd. Principal of Lady Doak College, Madurai), then in the staff of the Women's Christian College, Madras took keen interest in this piece of work, then taken over by the N.M.S., and served as Camp Mother for several years. The camp attendance grew year by year and sometimes it exceeded fifty. In the month of May, the camp was run in 2 batches, each staying for 2 weeks.

Most of the students committed themselves to Christ seriously and hence they experienced 'New Birth'. Out of the many consecrated ones, some of them entered Christian Ministry either in the Church or other Christian Organisations. Most of them were sure of their Vocation and continued to be glorifying Jesus Christ in different walks of life.

The following was the camp daily programme :—

5-30 a.m.	...	Rising Bell.
6-00 a.m.	...	Corporate Worship
6-30 to 8-30 a.m.	...	Social Service.
10 to 11 a.m.	...	Bible Study.
11 to 12 noon	...	Talks by Social Service Experts.
12 to 12-30 noon	...	Intercession.
3 to 4 p.m.	...	Sharing Meeting.
6 to 8 p.m.	...	Evangelistic work and Adult Night School.
9-30 p.m.	...	Family Prayer.

Bangarapet S. I. Bible Insitute cooperated with us and their staff members in turn conducted Bible Classes. Rev. Khurt of Tamil Baptist Church took Bible studies for a few years.

The senior members coming to the camp for a short stay were much impressed with the pattern of work to extend Christ's kingdom.

Miss. E. L. Joshua (Ex. S. I. Organising Secy., of the N.M.S.) made very valuable contribution for the successful running of the camp. After the Silver Jubilee Celebration in 1957, at Tirukoilur, it gradually dwindled and finally ceased to function.

At present, the need for such camps is indeed very great. As such, I wish and pray that the Spirit of God may move the N.M.S. to revive the student summer camp.

Sd. R. Gnanadikam,
Ex. N. M. S. Missionary.

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Abide with me falls fast the even tide.

Songs & Solos 297
Methodist Hymnal 911.

Praise my soul the King of Heaven.

Songs & Solos 1
Methodist Hymnal 13.

Rev. Henry Francis Lyte, M.A., 1793-1847

Henry Francis Lyte was the son of a military officer and was born on 1-6-1793. After graduating from Trinity College, Dublin, he took the ministry though he was intended for the medical profession. He was a brilliant student in the college and won 3 times in succession the prize for the best English poem. After serving in several parishes he was elected as a perpetual curate of Lower Brixam, County of Devon and served as such from 1823 until his death in 1847.

Life was not easy for him. In childhood he was plagued with poverty and in manhood by that fell disease tuberculosis. Added to this, a new revival movement called Plymonth Brethren under the leadership of Mr. Darby came into being and in spite of his best pastoral caring, his congregation dwindled. In consequeuce of this, his health gave way. On being advised by doctors to have a warm climate, he left for France in September, 1847 and died there 2 months later.

The Hymn "Abide with me" was composed when he was very bad in health, depressed in mind and physically exhausted. He sat one evening by the sea shore and gave finishing touches to the Hymn. Fortunately, he finished the hymn before he left for France. Had he postponed his desire, we would have lost a Great Poem, which has earned for him immortal fame. Prince Consort, Queen Victoria's husband, George V, requested that this hymn should be sung in their last illness.

E. Paul Gnanabharanam

For Your Information"

1. Birth Day Gift.

As per the Executive Committee's decision, we printed at the back of the Birth Day Greetings that if enough funds are received for the birthday project we would start a Birthday

Project. This year we have received only Rs. 1049/- which is 1/3rd of the money needed for a PROJECT. Hence, I am sorry to inform you that we will not be able to support the Project as "BIRTH DAY PROJECT'. The birth-day gift received from 1—4—1975 to 31-3-1976 will be absorbed in the general fund, as usual. So, may I appeal to all those friends whom we greet on their birth-days, if they kindly send some gifts, we would be able to start a Project at least at the end of next year.

2.

To, All the Executive Committee Members, Area Committee Members, Friends and Supporters.

In one of the pages of this issue, the statement of Income for 9 months is published. Now, while reviewing the accounts of Income and Expenditure for the last 10 months, I am very sorry to inform you that we face a deficit of Rs. 21,000/- So, I request you. all the people concerned to pray and do their utmost to help the Society to end the year without deficit. On behalf of the Society I am grateful for your prayers and help.

Yours in His Service,
K. G. S. Dorairaj,
General Secretary

Experience of Mr. K. P. Mathai S.I.B.S

During the Nineteen fiftees, I was privileged to attend some of the Rural Service camps conducted by the N.M.S. These camps, held in beautiful rural settings, provided ideal opportunities for serious spiritual exercises. Many young people, who came to these camps were brought to a closer relationship with the Lord and a good number received clearer visions concerning God's plan and purpose for their lives. The healthy blending of worship, work and witness in these camps made them different from most similar gatherings.

I wish the N.M.S. will seriously endeavour to revive these camps.

Sd. K. P. Mathai,
of South India Biblical Seminary

N.M.S. Workers Field Reports.

Nepal—Mr. V. T. Abraham writes:— During Christmas, we had a very good programme. I conducted a special meeting at Bharahawu at which more than 20 attended. At Butwal, we had a Christmas party and carol singing at which 40 attended including a prominent man Mr. Ranasahib and a brahmin family also attended. We had also a largely attended new year meeting when Mr Abraham delivered a message.

Jawadhi Hills—Jamnamarathur—Rev. D. Elias writes:— During the month of December we had Christmas celebration at all the centres, christmas play was enacted with kolattam, songs and memory verses. Over 400 children were given presents. We thank all friends who gave us gifts.

Thongumalai—Mr. I. Arumainayagam writes:— Three S.I.B.S. students came to observe our work and stayed with me and toured 13 villages and were much impressed with our work. Our Kuppan has a great faith in Christ and he worships Him. He says he will make his son a Christian. Please pray for him.

Alleri—Mr. Jayaraj Samuel and David Raman writes:— Rajaian and Rev. Elias came to the centre on 8th December. We all visited several villages where we were given a warm welcome. There was decoration and the children were given recreation songs and dialogues till late at 9 p.m. We also visited the villagers in their homes where they heard Christmas messages with eagerness. Prayers of friends are requested that good result may follow. The roof of my house is in a pathetic condition. It may collapse at any time. People are badly in need of medical help, food and clothing. The school is very popular with an attendance of 27.

Athipattu—Christmas was celebrated and a programme was gone through in the village. Visited villagers in their houses and presented the Gospel by dialogue.

Veerappanur—Mr. J. Paulian writes:— I visited about 10 villages and met villagers in their houses. Arranged Christmas programme and engaged children. Mr. Selwyn Samuel writes:— I arranged Christmas programme in Veerapanur and Pudupattu. With Bajana party I visited 10 houses.

Muddebehal—Mr. F. Bhasme writes:— Visited Thalikoti, Thaghadgi, Bider Kunidi & c., and conducted personal evangelism. Arranged Christmas programme in several places and conducted christmas service.

Bombay—Mr. J. P. Ashwal, Organising Secretary Western India writes:— Visited Muddebehal and did deputation work. Visited also Hubli Pantnagar, Gadag, Bagalkot and did organising

work. While in Bombay I attended to N.M.S. work in the various suburbs of Bombay.

Dabra—M. P.—Rev. Edwin Sherring writes :— Visited Babina, Ramgarh, Chandpur, Kadesra &c., and presented christmas message at homes individually. Conducted Sunday services. Sold 120 Gospel copies on Week days. I do personal evangelism work with individuals.

Dhanbad—Mr. John Thomas writes :— I conduct Sunday School regularly, Nurses fellowship, etc., I visit families in their houses, hospitals and do personal evangelism work in Jagjeevanramnagar.

Mr. Paul Singh. Organising Secretary, North India, writes : Attended Centenary Celebrations at Jabalpore. Visited Bombay, Bihar and preached in a number of places. At Jabalpur, I did deputation work with Rev. Sherring from 22nd to 30th. Edwin Sherring spoke in many churches and enlisted many by distributing pledge cards. We also sold many booklets. Rev. E. F. Albert became a life member. Rev. D. B. Singh and Mr. P. P. Singh took us to friends houses. Rs. 39/- was received as donation.

Andaman Islands—Rev. Joseph Wilson writes :— I was in the Methodist house for one day only, 10th to 11th, and on account of water scarcity (only 2 pots a day) I was by force, asked to quit. Luckily, after negotiating with four land lords, who changed their minds at the last moment, I got a house on Rs. 50/- p m On the 14th, I will leave for Mayabander. On receipt of blank progress report forms I will send my detailed report of my work.

Puri—Orissa—Mr. G. Rosiah writes :— After taking charge of the station from Rev. Paul Sanjeevi, I visited all the congregation members in their homes. I conduct regularly church services and cottage prayer meetings.

Notice to members in Madras City Area.

Enquiries have been received from some subscribing members in the Madras City Area that their names and the amounts sent by them do not appear in the pages of the N.M.I. Friends are hereby informed that the names and the amounts sent directly to the NMS. head-quarters are published once in two months in the N.M.I., Other amounts collected, monthly, through our conveners from about 1,000 members in the City are published, once a year, in the June or July issue of the N.M.I. This is done to save cost of printing and paper, which has, of late, increased tremendously.

K. G. S. Dorairaj
Editor,

Office Bearers of the N.M.S. Hubli Branch.

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DEPUTATION WORK IN K.G.F.

Deputation work in K. G. F. was undertaken by Rev. J. M. Jayasingh, Rev. D. Elias, Rev. Paul Sanjeevi and Miss E.L. Joshua, Ex-Organising Secretary of the N.M.S. and Mrs. Grace Sathiaraj. On 16th and 17th January, special meetings were arranged on both days in the Good Shepherd Church Marikuppam. On the 16th a programme was arranged for the youth. A small group only gathered as the day was a working day. Still, the youths were moved and they organised a youth wing for the missionary cause. There are some young men who are ready for the missionary work. But, the question is who will send them? We earnestly look forward to the local church to harness the enthusiasm among the members by taking up a field for their exclusive support.

The ladies auxiliary had a special day of retreat on the 17th at which Miss E. L. Joshua and Mrs. Grace Sathiaraj spoke and it was a blessing for all. Several prayer groups in various churches were formed to pray for the N.M.S. and to raise funds. Their goal is to raise sufficient funds during this year to support a missionary.

On the evenings of 16th and 17th there were public meetings at which Rev. Jesupatham presided.

Our thanks are due to the Rev. Jesupatham, Mr. Sathu.

OBITUARY

We regret to record the death of Mrs. L. Muthu, wife of late Dr. G. V. D. Muthu, which took place on 21-12-1975 after a prolonged illness patiently borne. She and the members of her family are ardent supporters of the N.M.S. We extend our sincere condolences to the members of her family in their bereavement.

An urgent appeal

I thank every reader, contributor and friend of the Society for the interest and financial support for the Society for the last ten years which enables the Society to run without dificit and to expand the work of carrying Gospel to people who have no opportunity to hear the Gospel. In this year 75—76 and on this day of 21—2—76, the Society faces a dificit of Rs. 15,000/- excluding February and March salary distribution which will roughly come to Rs. 12,000/- a month. So may I request friends and supporters to help the Society to end this year without any dificit and to do the utmost to achieve the same.

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Top Line Electric Colony Prayer Band	8	15

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Oriental Part Mrs. Boopathy Henries	11	75
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Plaintain auction	7	00
Miss Rani	5	00
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Mr Y Devadhas, Andersonpet	20	00
	1,868	68

Madras City:

Bains School, Kilpauk	138	00
Treasurer, Hardwood Raw Memorial Church	50	00
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Miss Vimala Edwin	200	00
Mr G E Joseph Samuel, Ms.	12	00
,, J Cyril Raj	100	00
Mrs. Satyamurthy	101	00
Dr Patrick Yesudian	60	00
Mr Edward Solomon	3	00
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,, N Joseph	50	00
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	5046	40

Madras City Prayer Meeting Collections:

Mr. Vincent Solomon	66	75
Mrs A Dorairaj	60	00
Mr G Devaraj	22	05
	148	80

Andhra Pradesh:

Thro' Mr D Paul, SPG Primary School, Bolarum	110	00
Mrs F Baskerraj, Secunderabad	52	00
Mr G S Thangraj, Nellore	10	00
,, A G P Devasighamony, Secunderabad	60	00
Mrs S D N Paul, Secunderabad	125	00
Mr Thyagarajan, Hyderabad	20	00
,, N Gnanasighamony, Sec.	10	00
,, J D John Thomas, ,,	5	00
,, V Cormaty & Godavari	15	00
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Mr Indrakutty Laben,	2	00
Christ Church, Ramkote thro' Mrs E David	122	00
	581	00

North Tamil Area:

Thro' Rt. Rev. Henry Lazarus, Vellore	20	00

	Rs.	P.
Ebenezer School, Katpadi	36	00
Dr Y Samuel Charles, Ranipet	20	00
S M Hospital, Ranipet	59	00
V R V Girls' High School, Ranipet	43	00
Thro' Mr. Jason Jayaraj, Kanchipuram	30	00
Thro' Mr R Daniel, Salem	155	00
Thro' Miss A Arthur, Salem	140	00
Dr Sugunaseelan, Kanchipuram	71	51
Mrs J Backiam, Krishnagiri	10	00
,, Prakasam, Coimbatore	15	00
M/s T Lawrence, Kockanoor	10	00
A Isaac Newton	10	00
A Thomas William	10	00
P Kanagaratnam	2	00
Mrs Leelavathy Johnson, Ranipet	10	00
Rev C S Paulraj, Dharmapuri	5	00
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,, T Inbaraj, Kockanoor	10	00
Mrs Kirubamary, Kockanoor	2	00
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,, V Paul, Ranipet	20	00
,, Gowi Ammal, Dharmapuri	6	00
Miss P Bhuvaneswari	2	00
Rev J D Balasundaram, Ambur	100	00
Mr James D Isaac, Vellore	10	00
Mrs Alice, S M Hospital, Ranipet	6	00
Miss Caroline, Ranipet	15	00
Mr William Jesudhasan Bhoopalan, Ranipet	10	00
Mrs E Lazarus, Tiruppur	12	00
Miss Navajothy, Katpadi	100	00

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,, Burnaby	10	00
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Mr Alexander	7	00
	1112	16

South Tamil Area :

Methodist Girls' High School, Try	67	00
Nagercoil Church Ladies Auxiliary	40	00
K K Diocese-Salary for Jawadi workers	3186	14
Thro' Mr John Devaraj, CSI Church, Thiruvarur	39	00
Theological Seminary, Arasaradi	15	00
Thro' Miss G Titus, Duthie Sunday School Nagercoil	100	00
Headmistress, OCPM Girls' School Madurai	350	00
Anandanadarkudy Church	5	00
Puthalam W F	10	00
Neyyoor Church W F	10	00
Thamarakulam Church	5	00
Peirchipari Church	2	00
Neyoor Girl's High School	30	00
Nagercoil Home Church	11	50
Thro' Mr. Paul Singaram, Trichy	20	00
Mr T Thangappa, Kulathuvilai	10	00
Thro' Y Packiamony, Nazareth	280	00
,, T Samuel, Nagai	161	50
,, S Solomon Rajayya, Thanjavur	51	00
Mrs A Ponnusamy, Thanjavur Area Sales	2,900	00

	Rs.	P.
Mr S J Abraham, Trichy	20	00
,, C J Antony, Pudukottai	3	00
,, D J Paulraj, Virudhunagar	30	00
,, G H Clarence, Cuddalore	30	00
,, P K Samuel, Jayaseelan, Jayankondam	2	00
Dr Mrs Monsingh, Trichy	10	00
Mrs Rosalind Hebert, Trichy	22	00
Mr A N D Navamoni, Tirunelveli	15	00
Mrs Jayaseeli Josephus, Trichy	10	00
Mr S T Cross, Viswasathottam	2	00
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Rev Iyadurai, Trichy	10	00
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Mr Asirvatham, Perinbapuram	5	00
,, J G Thayasingh, Nagercoil	5	00
Rev J A Ponnaiah, Arumuganeri	5	00
Mr S Justin, Nagercoil	10	00
,, Edward Devavaram, Trichy	10	00
,, Ponniah, Sankarankoil	2	00
Mrs M B Clifford, Tuticorin	25	00
,, Elizabeth Ammal, Dindigul	5	00
Miss D. Navaneethan, Karur	5	00
	7444	14

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Miss. Pushpam, Thanjavur	10	00
Mr A. Henry, Trivandrum	100	00
Mr. D. Andrews, Nellore	5	00
Through Mr. H. Fletcher, TVM	100	00
Mrs. K. C. Thambiah, Bangalore	20	00
Mr. S. J. Abraham, Kulitalai	5	00
,, Ratnam, Devapirian	10	00
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Mr. E. Paul Gnanabharanam, Madras	10	00
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,, A.G.P. Devasighamony, Secunderabad	10	00
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Mr. Samsel John, Bangalore	80	00
Mrs. Rathinam, Madras-7	10	00
Mr. J. Colton Samuel, Ms.	10	00
Mrs. C. Anthony, Madurai	10	00
Miss K. Jesudhasan, Ms.	20	00
Mr. S. D. Collison, Ms.-11	20	00
Dr. Mrs. L. M. Carey, Rajahmundry	20	00
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Mr. Rawlinson, Madras-25	25	00
Bains School, Ms.	25	00
Mr. A. P. Mangalam, Coimbatore	25	00
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Bombay Area Committee	200	00
Rev. C E Anthony, Kota	100	00
Mrs Prakasam, Coimbatore	15	00
,, C J Jill, Chandigarh	50	00
Thro' Mrs Grace Sathya Raj, Bangalore	225	00
Rev J M Jayasingh,	20	00
Madras City Area Committee	300	00
Treasurer, K K Diocese	297	00
Mr N Samuel, Cochin-3	25	00
,, T S Savanagouder, Hubl	10	00
Mrs Sunalini Joseph, Ms.	25	00
Mr. Manoharan Aaron, Arakonam	5	00
Treasurer, Pentokotah Telugu Church, Puri	140	00
	4367	00

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Rajasthan	1	00
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Mr & Mrs D V Hoffman	5	00
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Rev Edwin Sherring	10	00
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,, ,, Yaqub Nanda	2	00
,, ,, Kamble	2	00
,, ,, T John	2	00
,, ,, Sharely Chawhan	2	00
Master Benjamin Y Masih	4	00
Mr & Mrs Hamilton Sherring	2	00
,, ,, R P Sagagily	1	00
,, ,, Marqus B Lall	2	00
Prayer Meeting Collections	15	00
	1196	33

Rev J Balasingh, Kulathur for Theological Trg.	10	00
Anonymous, for a special purpose	500	00
Nagercoil Home Church for a well construction at Veerapanur	1,500	00
Annonymous, Ms. for endowments	5,000	00
St. Paul's Church, Madras-7 for the support of a worker at Jawadhi	1,000	00
Mrs H Jacob Kerala for Tribal Students Scholarship	20	00

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Mrs J ON Shukla Lucknow	102	00
Mrs Edward, Salamatpura	100	00
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Mrs Joyce	180	00
Mr P V Samuel	60	00
,, ,, Thomas	50	00
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Mr. E. Paul Gnanabharanam

OBITUARY

We deeply regret to inform the readers that Mr. E. Paul Gnanabharanam, the veteran N.M.S. leader, and one who may be aptly described as its Bard and Scribe in recent years, passed away after a brief illness on the morning of 16-3-1976. His death was unexpected and has left a void in the lives of his associates and in the working of the Society which it is difficult to fill.

Ever since his retirement from the Postmaster General's Office in Madras as its Manager, he had been serving the Society in various capacities. He was an active member of the Madras

Area Committee and its Treasurer for sometime and, on the national level, was member of Finance, Standing and Executive Committees, the unfailing Recording Secretary at most of the meetings, Joint Editor of the N.M.I., Deepikai and its former Hon. Associate General Secretary from 1971 to 1974. He had deep understanding of the Bible and had preached in Churches and spoken at meetings on behalf of the N.M.S. He was always a willing helper in the office and had undertaken tours on behalf of the General Secretary separately and with him.

A graduate of the Madras University, he was blessed with an extraordinary memory and a literary turn of mind. He was a linquist having known, besides Tamil and English, Telugu, Urdu, and Hindi. He was a good companion with a sense of humour and was always ready with interesting anecdotes to regale drooping spirits. The readers of the N.M.I. will particularly miss his biographical sketches of authors of famous hymns the last of which on Rev. John Newton contributed by him a week before his death and appearing in this issae will be read with great poignancy and his attempts at versification which were much appreciated and had brought variety to the N.M.I. Through his untiring efforts, even at considerable risk to his health, Mr. Gnanabharnam made the largest individual collection for the Society ranging from 4 to 5 thousands per annum.

He leaves behind his wife, Mrs. Karpagammal, two daughters and a son to whom the Society offers its most sincere condolences.

Truly Mr. Gnanabharnam deserves the praise of our Lord. "Well done, thou good and faithful servant:..... enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."—Mathew 25 : 21.

He could also truly say of himself: "I have fought a good fight. I have finished my course. I have kept the faith." II Tim. 4 : 7.

Presidents' Tribute

In a letter sent to Mrs. Gnanabharnam, Bishop R. D. Joshi, our President, has paid tributes to Mr. Gnanabharnam in the following words:

"Bro. Paul was a great friend of mine. This friendship started from the time the NMS Executive was held in Jabalpur about 11 years ago. I was struck with the dedication of this

man of God and his burning passion for proclaiming Christ. The NMS work was his meat and drink. Everywhere he went and whosoever he met he had a word for NMS. We will always remain thankful to him for his love, witness and support for the NMS.

He was very talented and wrote good poetry. He seized every occasion to put his thoughts in poetical form and share his poetry with his friends. I remember he composed a very good poem about me when I hosted the NMS Executive in Jabalpur.

These and other gifts make his loss irreparable but he has gone on well earned rest in the bosom of his Heavenly Father. He fought a good fight and ran a good race and he has gone to his Father to receive his crown."

We regret to inform the readers about the death on 10-2-76 of M. P. Albert, an active member of the Executive Committee of the N.M.S. Trivandrum Branch. He had rendered valuable service to the Branch during the last 25 years. His services were praiseworthy, especially in the annual Public Meeting and Sale.

A LENTEN MEDITATION

By

Bishop R. D. Joshi, President, N M S.

Lent is a period of 40 days preceding Easter, not counting Sunday Or it is a period of 36 days, a tithe of 365 days of the year From at least the early second century the Christian church has observed Lent as a time of renewal, instruction of converts and nurturing the devotional life of its members, looking forward to the joy of Easter and triumph of spirit over matter and of God's love over man's hate and blindness.

Prophet Isaiah foreshadows the spirit of Lent. In chapter 53 he vividly describes the sufferings of Christ. "He was despised and rejected of men, a man of sorrows and acquinted with grief ...surely he has borne our grief and carried our sorrow...with His stripes we are healed."

The next chapter hints as the meaning, hope and challenge of Lent. It breaks the pathos of the previous chapter into shouts of Joy. "Sing, O barren one, break forth into singing and cry aloud...enlarge the place of your tents ..lengthen your cords...and strengthen your stakes."

The key words ....sing, enlarge your tents, lengthen your cords and strengthen your stakes are metaphors taken from the nomadic life when the Israelites lived in tents. But they are meaningful for Lent. Lent can be a *time to sing*, for in the broken body and shedding of the blood of Christ, we are assured of God's forgiveness and newness of life. Because of this assurance we can sing in the midst of our cares and anxieties, and meet every crisis with a sense of confidence.

But, this experience of joy and newness we can retain only as we constantly share it with others. We are called *to enlarge our tents* extend our missionary frontiers, and undergird the ministries of those who are engaged on these frontiers.

Not only this. We are called to *lengthen our cords*, to include in our ministrations those who are outside of our church membership. It is a call to be creatively involved in living human situations of our day. This is what sharing in the broken body and shedding blood of Christ means. The sacrement of bread and wine must go hand in hand with the equally important sacrament of the towel and the basin.

Finally, the prophet reminds us that we need to *strengthen o r cords*. Lent is a good time to drive deep our stakes which secure and sustain our inner lives. If the stakes are shaky our tents will blow away when the wind howls; our house will crumble if it has no depth or foundation. Our dilemma today is how to present the Gospel of personal change and inner transformation within the cost of our social responsibilities. But unless we learn to do this, our ministries of compassion and care not growing out of conversion of our inner spirits, will have no base. This is what Jesus was trying to say when He breathed on His disciples and said "Receive the Holy Spirit." The Holy Spirit is the agent of inner transformation. He personalizes Christ and makes Him contemporary. Lent is a good time to reflect on the role of the Holy Spirit in our lives and in our churches.

If this Lenten season can bring renewal to the church, deepen our commitment to Christ, focus our attention on the Gospel message and our obligation to share it and to undergird the ministry of missionaries who are engaged in spreading the Gospel

message—then truly Lent will become a creative and renewing experience for us, a recurring experience not confined to a period of 40 days but spread over all the seasons of the year.

Famous Hymns and their Authors—No. 23

"Amazing grace how sweet the sound" Songs and Solos 894.

"How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds" Songs and Solos 112.

Methodist Hymnal—109.

Rev. John Newton—1725-1807.

John Newton was born on 24th July 1725. His father was a sea-Captain and his mother, a religious woman, died when he was seven. At the age of 11, after a short schooling, he joined his father's ship and later became a slave trader between Africa and West Indies. His early life was one of recklessness, immorality and debauchery. Rejected by his father, he got into all sorts of trouble and finally jailed and degraded.

This miserable man was brought to his senses by reading one day "Imitation of Christ" by Thomas a Kempis and his actual conversion was the result of a violent storm, in which he almost lost his life, in 1748. He returned to London, resumed his studies and became a minister at Olney in 1764. He gave the rest of his life to serving God and during the 15 years as the pastor in the Olney church, he wrote many hymns in company with William Cowper. He was also a friend of Wesleys. He died in 1807 full of years and honours and on his grave are inscribed the words "John Newton, once an infidel a servant of slaves in Africa, was by the rich mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ, preserved, restored, pardoned, appointed to preach the faith he had long laboured to destroy".

E. P. G.

AN EASTER MEDITATION

Bishop R. D. Joshi

The first news of the Resurrection was received by the disciples with disbelief. That was not surprising. The news was too good to be believed; They were simply stunned with a sudden and over-powering experience.

The Resurrection of Jesus was an event of cosmic dimensions, rehearsing the story of triumph of God's creative and renewing love over man's hate and blindness of victory of spirit over matter.

"We know that Christ rose from the dead," St. Paul asserted That has been the assertion of the church through the ages. This assertion can be questioned, yet we can go on living in the Resurrection faith because we encounter Christ as a living power in our lives.

Our Easter faith makes life meaningful and fills every moment of our lives with significance. It satisfies our yearning for life abundant and life beyond. "By the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ who hath abolished death and hath brought life and immorality to light" we are assured of power to triumph over evil, to act along the line of our convictions, and to strive towards perfection and fullness of life.

What is our response to the risen Christ? Is it a response of Joy, confidence, hope and commitment? Will this be a continuing response, enlarging our capacities for living, thinking, loving and giving? Yes, the reality of the risen Christ can be a daily experience if we immerse ourselves in the living events and human situations around us. Without this involvement Easter will remain only an annual celebration. A small boy asked his father, as they came out of the church service on Easter, "What happened after Easter? Yes, that remains a crucial question.

N.M.S. Field Reports

1. **Rajasthan**—Pushkar and Kishangarh—Rev. S. C. P. Tyagi and Mrs. Tyagi writes:— Visited by bus and cycle 10 villages and preached the gospel. Visited also hospitals and prayed for the sick. One Mr. Tiwari Panda of Pushkar was ready to beat me. Mr. Kalidos Panda helped me. Now, the very same man is reading Hindi New Testament. Friends are requested to pray for him and the Gospel work.

2. **Dabra**—Madhya Pradesh—Rev. Edwin Sherring writes:— Visited several villages round about Dabra and Babina and conducted Sunday Services and prayer meetings regularly. On week days, I preach in bus stands and distribute tracts. 10 Gospels and a number of tracts were distributed. Friends are requested to pray for me as I have blood pressure.

3. **Bihar**—Dhanbad—Mr. John Thomas writes :—One Mr. Sharma believes in Jesus Christ. He is having only Gospel portions. He needs a New Testament. Mr. K. K. Sharma is also interested in Christianity. Mr. B. N. Banerjee received a Bible from me and is eagerly reading it. Miss Biswas a headmistress of a primary school has requested me to take picture lessons on Bible stories and teach the children songs every Friday. One could see a great interest in the Gospel and they are reading tracts, and Gospel portions eagerly. Prayers are requested.

4. **Mundebihal**—Mr. Frank Bhasmie writes :— The Sunday School children gratefully acknowledge the gift sent during the Christmas. Mr. J. P. Ashwal, Organising Secretary, West India, visited us and took part in the Christmas Celebrations and gave an enlightened address to the Hindus and Muslims. I visited Thalikota and four new places and presented the Gospel. People received the message favourably, especially 4 Muslims could tell about the Saviour. Constant prayers of friends are requested.

5. **Jawadhi Hills—Gundalathur**—Mr. James Meyyan writes: Visited several villages with Gospel messages, contacted more than 200 villagers, 38 students are getting educated in our night schools. Some people are trying to build houses in the N.M.S. land. I have warned them. **Thongumalai**—Mr. Nayagam writes :— Visited 9 villages round about and preached the Gospel. There is one Kulandai, who is not well. I am praying for his recovery. Friends are requested to join with me. 5 Students are attending the night schools. **Nadanur** – Mrs. Sarammal George writes :— I was on leave for 14 days. 73 men, 26 women and 38 children received medical help. On 21-12-1975 and 11-1-76 St. John's Church people and Dr. Job of C.M.C. Hospital, Vellore visited Nadanur. I treated about 200 patients —most of them suffering from fever, head-ache and bad diseases. The monthly collection came to Rs. 70/10. Praise be to God for the recovery in many cases. **Alleri**—Mr. David Raman writes :— I am conducting night schools, Sunday Schools and prayer meetings regularly. 30 students are studying in the night schools. **Jamnamarathur**—Mrs. Esther Robertson writes :— I was on leave for 18 days. Only 29 men, 8 women and 7 children were treated. **Athipet**—Mr. Rajaian writes :—Visited about 7 villages round about my village. I conducted house visits, personal dialogue, and divine service on Sundays. Vellayan, Latchmanan, and Periannan have a liking for the Gospel. On account of social restrictions, they are afraid of coming out publicly. Prayers of friends are requested. **Veerapanur**—Mr. Paulian writes :— Visited 13 villages round about and presented the Gospel. House visiting, and Sunday services are regularly held.

Prayers are requested for Jacob Andy Gounder, who is facing a lot of domestic difficulties.

Bageshwar—U. P. Mr. Bachi Singh writes:— As usual I contacted shop-keepers in their stalls, visited 2 non-Christian families in their houses. Gospel is preached at bus-stops. Tracts are distributed, Sunday services are held regularly. There was a fair from 13th January. I took this opportunity to convey God's message and contacted many persons.

Tour report of Mr. J. P. Ashwal, Organising Secretary, Western India.

I started on 12th from Bombay to Gadag. Immediately I called on 2 pastors of different Churches. After consultation, the date was fixed to form a Branch. On the 14th no representative came to the meeting It was a surprise to me. One pastor asked me to come again after finishing my tour. Then an alternative idea struck me to start a branch churchwise. So, the next day with new idea, I entrusted collection work through the pastors by their own men. They are—

1. Rev. B. N. Koneri—C.S.I. Church (Ex. Basel Mission) Betgeri.

2. Rev. S. M. Arlikattee—Indian Evangelical Church (Ex. Oriental Missionary, Gadag.

This pastor helped to sanction their Karnataka Churches Sunday offering to the NMS in their Executive Committee held at Allahabad this year. I wanted to bring these 2 churches close to work unitedly for the NMS. Later I will move to start a Gadag branch if they fully cooperate. Now it is churchwise centre.

Gangavati and Guledgudda programme was cancelled as per pastor's letter. Both pastors were not in the station during my visit.

From Gadag I proceed to Bagalkot. The pastor Rev. A. S. Kanthi was helpful. Friday and Saturday (16th and 17th) were spent in house visit. Some gave their financial support to the Society. On 18th I spoke about NMS in the Church service. I requested the pastor to raise funds through their elders. So, I gave a collection pad to him.

I hope next time I will get good response. After the service I immediately left for Bombay via Sholopur.

Report of Mr. R. Daniel, Salem-Dharmapuri Area Secretary

Visit of Rev. D. Elias, Organising Secretary to Salem.

13—2—1976 to 15—2—1976

The Organising Secretary of the N.M.S. Rev. D. Elias visited Salem from 13-2-1976 to 15-2-1976. During the course of his visit he met many friends and supporters of the Society and pastors and church leaders. The people whom we visited evinced keen interest in the work of the N.M.S. and promised to help the work. He also gave talks in the Christ church, Lechler Memorial Church and in the Hobart Training School for Girls on the aims and activities of the N.M.S. I am happy to report that his visit has been fruitful and has kindled enthusiasm for the Society.

Rev. Elias also attended a meeting of the N.M.S. Branch and helped to form the Area Committee, Salem, Dharmapuri Dts. with the following members:—

PRESIDENT	...	Rev. Sam Vedemuthu,
VICE PRESIDENT	...	Sri Jacob Samuel
TREASURER	...	Miss S. Arthur
SECRETARY	...	Mr. R. Daniel.
MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE	...	Mr. J. Deivasigamonie, Immanuel Church, Hasthampet.
		Mr. A. J. Abeshagam, do
	...	Mr. M. D. Gnanamuthu, Lachler Memorial Church.
		Mr. D. Thambi Prakasam, do
	...	Mrs. F. Pandiaraj, Christ Church.
		Dr. Abraham, do
	...	Mr. R. Moses, CSI Church, Attur.
	...	Mr. V. Selladurai, Mettur Dam Church.

... Mr. J. Dhanraj, Elthagiri Church.
... Mr. M. Santosh Kumar, Trippattur Church.

Rs. 126/- was donated by four persons.

A New Branch at Namakkal

We are happy to report that a branch of the National Missionary Society of India was formed at Namakkal on 7th. March, 1976 at a meeting held at the GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH, NAMAKKAL. The following officers were elected.

PRESIDENT ... The Rev. J. George,
SECRETARY ... Mr. I. Rajarathnam Durai Singh,
TREASURER ... Mr. G. Wilson Chelladurai.

Members of the Branch are: Messers. G. Pragasam, M K. Thomas, A. Jeya Singh, N. D. William, D. Thomas, V. Israel, Miss. Juliet Ranee, Miss. Emee Mal, Miss. T. Shanti Arun Mozhi, and Miss. I. Stella.

Report of Mr. S. C. Singh, Secretary, N.M.S. Kanpur

I am glad to inform you that the annual election of the Executive Committee of N.M.S. Kanpur Branch, was held on the 26th January 1976 and the following office bearers were elected :-

PRESIDENT ... Mrs. S. Shukla, 14/41, Civil Lines, Kanpur-1.
VICE PRESIDENT ... Mr. S. C. Singh, 17/92, Patkapur, Kanpur-1.
SECRETARY ... Mr. N. F. Paul.
TREASURER ... Mr. J. Das

Tour Programme of The General Secretary with Mr. Paul Singh From March 18th. to 14th. April 1976

18th. March ... Leave Madras to Itarsi By Link Express by 8-25 a.m.
19th. ,, ... Arrival at Itarsi by 14-20 Hrs. and meet Mr. Paul Singh and Mr. Aram Patra.
,, ,, ... Leave Itarsi by Dadar–Varanasi Exp. by 20–50 hrs.
20th. ,, ... Arrival at Allahabad by 8-15 a.m.

20th. to 22nd.	...	Allahabad Reservation to be arranged by Mr. Arthur Singh, 32, Muirabad, Allahabad-2.
22nd. March	...	Leave Allahabad to Gorakhpur by Triveni Exp.
23rd. ,,	...	Reach Butwal by evening via Gorakhpur and Nawyanwa.
23rd. to 28th	...	Nepal.
29th. ,,	...	Leave Butwal to Bageswar.
30th. ,,	...	Travel.
31st. ,,	...	Reach Bageswar.
1 & 2 April	...	Bageswar.
3rd. ,,	...	Travel to Lucknow.
4th–6th ,,	...	Lucknow.
7 & 8th. ,,	...	Rae Brailley.
9-11th. ,,	...	Kanpur.
11th night 12th	...	Morning at 0-05 hrs. leave for Jhansi.
12th. ,,	...	Morning reach Jhansi at 5.
13th. ,,	...	Morning leave for Madras by any one of the express trains
14th. ,,	...	Return to Madras.

Appeal to Ex-Ashramites

Richard W. Taylor, Christian Institute for the Study of Religion and Society, P. O. Box 4600, Bangalore-46 writes:—

I request your help in a CISRS research project.

Please send me names and addresses of any Chritians known to you who have lived for twelve months or more (at any time) in any Ashram in India (Christian, Gandhian or other).

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Prayer for Pentecost

O God, who according to thy promise hast given thy Holy Spirit to us thy people, that we might know the freedom of thy children and taste on earth our heavenly inheritance: Grant that we may ever hold fast the unity which he gives, and, living in his power, may be thy witnesses to all men; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MEDITATION

"When anyone is united to Christ there is a new world, the old order has gone and a new order has already begun."
II Cor. 5:17 (NEB)

The Pentecost brought change to the existing order by the Holy Spirit in dwelling in the individual and made them new creatures and a part of the new society, i.e., Church, which was increasing daily in number. So the Pentecost does the following:

1. **A New Creature:** The Holy Spirit in the individual changes him to be a new creature of a new society. The individual is saved and changed not for himself or herself but for the Church—new community.

2. **A New Society:** Comes into being as fellowship of Spirit filled people we see this new society in action in Acts 2nd Chapter.

3. **The New Order:** is not static but dynamic by its fellowship and life. It was fellowship in which people saw God in action in building a new humanity by adding saved, Spirit filled, changed people to the new order.

What does the Christian individual and community, i.e. Church, do today? Are we instruments of God to build a new world and a new order? 1 Cor. 1:26-30 We the chosen ones to change the existing order.

For information

The Birthday Project Scheme Continues :

It was announced in the February, 1976 issue of the Intelligencer that as we have received only Rs. 1049, which is equal to 1/3rd of the money needed for a project, we would merge the above collection with the General Fund. But, *we are not doing so* at the request of the friends, because people show increasing interest in this Birth Day Project. Hence, we keep this amount of Rs. 1326 received upto 31st March, 1976 as the Birth Day Project earmarked fund. So, the Birth Day Project fund is continued to be kept open.

The office sends up Birth-Day greetings about 7,000 in a year. Leaving out those which are returned to us, because of the people having left the place or because of incorrect address, we send at least 6,000/- cards which reach the people. If everyone were to send at least a rupee as Birth Day gift, we would be able to open two Projects.

So, the friends who are receiving the birth day cards are requested to send their thank offering gift so that the Projects may be opened, when we get the amount.

The contributor to this project becomes an active participant in spreading the Gospel.

K. G. S. Dorairaj,
Secretary.

UNFINISHED TASK FINISHED

A short report of the General Secretary's visit to North India

In last October, because of the accident I had, I was urged to postpone my visit to Nepal and Bagheswar. It was a blessing in disguise. When we had no hope of having an executive meeting in 1975, we received an invitation from Bombay friends through our President, Bishop R. D. Joshi and the Rev. Justin N. Harris, the District Superintendent of Bombay of the N.C.S.A. to have an executive committee meeting at Bombay on 7th and 8th of November, 1975. So, my return to the head-quarters helped me to prepare for the same. Further, the last Executive Committee meeting directed the General Secretary to visit Nepal

and Bageshwar and to bring his observations and recommendations to the next executive committee. Accordingly, to finish the unfinished task the tour in the North India was undertaken by me with Mr. Paul Singh, the Organising Secretary for North India from March 18th to April 14th, 1976.

19th March — Itarsi:

Met Mr. Paul Singh and Mr. Aram Patra Koshala, the newly appointed Organising Secretary for North-West India and had discussions with them about the area to cover and about the nature of work to be done.

20-22nd March — Allahabad:

Reached Allahabad by 20th morning. In the morning visited Mr. A. V. Singh, our Ex Organising Secretary, who was convalescing and met Dr. Sadique and Mr. A. M. David concerning Miss. Singa's Will.

In the evening we had branch meeting at the President Mr. P. N. Sewake's house. It was well attended. We had useful discussions about the work.

21st:

I preached in the Trinity Church and in Jammuna Church. Mr. Paul Singh preached in another church. We visited friends. In the evening I preached in the Central Methodist Church.

22nd:

I conducted devotions for the students and staff of the Seminary. In the night, we left for Nepal, via Gorokour. We are thankful to Ms. Sewakes, Arthur Singh, A. V. Singh, Antonys, and Dr. Chaco, for their hospitality and help. Regarding Miss Singa's house, Mr. Sewake and Mr A. V. Singh told us that they would take steps to get the property released to us, as soon as possible, if we do necessary things.

23rd-28th — Nepal:

On 23rd we reached Butwal, found our worker living in the out-skirts of Butwal, since the rent within Butwal town had been raised terribly. Butwal town itself is changed from a simple big village to a town with modern buildings. It has also become a bus junction. Hence, the house rents have risen terribly Mr. Abraham lives in a house incomplete in construction, devoid of all amenities.

On 24th:

We visited the work spots, i.e. the villages he visists and contacted the enquirers and converts. Mr. Lal Bahadur, a senior convert told us that under the present situation in Nepal, only Nepalese could communicate the Gospel to the Nepalese. The evangelists from other parts of India are needed to increase their knowledge and experience in Christ. This is a point we have to bear in mind. As we felt that the congregation in Butwal is well-established and self-managed bythe Nepalese the mselves, it is high time that we move on to an unreached place, either in the western or in the eastern part of Nepal as per the policy of the Society. So, we went seeking a place in the east.

On 25th:

We reached *Hetauda* after a hazarduous journey at 6 P.M. travelling all through the day. Hetauda is a commercial town, which can be reached from Raxaul in Bihar, and Birganj.

On 26th:

The next morning we made our way to Kathmandu. We joined the prayer fellowship that evening in which it was clearly brought out by the members what Nepal needs is a pastoral ministry.

On 27th:

Next morning, that day being a Saturday and a weekly holiday for Nepal, we joined the worship. We had discussions with the United Mission to Nepal's Executive Secretary and the Director. During the course of conversation, we understood, since mid part of Nepal is well covered by Gospel messages, only the eastern and western parts of Nepal needs to be evangelised. To our great grief, we found the church here is also divided into three groups, some emphacising their doctrinal differences. We were also grieved to hear that where there is a need for one church, there were three groups which create confusion in the minds of Nepalese. We are thankful to Mr. Thangachan, Rev. & Mrs. M. J. Jacob for their kind hospitality.

On 28th:

We returned *via* Pokhra and Tan sun and reached Butwal in the evening. We rested for the night. The winding roads up and down journey did not suit Mr. Paul Singh. It was too tiresome and exhaustive.

On 29th :

We left for Bageshwar, a long journey via. Nautanwa and Gorakpur, Bareilli and Lucknow. On 29th we travelled the whole day and reached Gorakpur. Met Mr. Y. B. Singh, the Principal of the Andrew's College, who kindly helped us with reservation, chatted about the N.M.S. for sometime and he promised to help us. It is necessary to arrange a deputation with Mr. Paul Singh and Mr. Abraham to visit these churches. Though we had reservation, with very great difficulty we pushed ourselves into the carriage and in the carriage we were not able to move this way or that way, and we were made to stick to our berths till we reached Lucknow. We did not halt there, but we went straight to Bareilli, where we had two hours interval, between our train and the next train. We visited Bishop A.J. Shaw, our Ex-President and present President of Bareilli Branch. Eventhough he and Mrs. Shaw were very busy in packing their samans to go to America, they received us well and spent some time with us and informed us that they had arranged for a branch meeting that evening. From this, we can understand that the branch revived in last September is growing from strength to strength under the leadership of the Bishop Shaw and Dr. Immanuel James and others. They have collected and forwarded to head-quarters Rs. 447/- as the branch contribution. This is the highest amount so far received from Bareilli. We left for Haldwani where we spent the night in the Railway station.

On 31st :

Again, we took the long bus journey up the Himalayas to Bageshwar, a distance of 174 kms. (126 miles). It was a rainy day and our things were completely drenched, as we reached Bageshwar that evening.

1st April :

We had discussion with Mr. Bachi Singh about his work and about the future of the Centre. Mr. Bachi Singh concentrates much of his time in the town and contacts individually the merchants and college teachers and the students. He distributes literature and books. He preaches and distributes tracts at the time of Mela. The future of the Centre has to be gone into carefully.

2nd — 3rd April :

We started to Lucknow and reached the place on the 3rd. Mr. A.H. Khan arranged for our stay at Nur Manzil. We had good

rest after a long journey till 4 P.M. We met Mr. M.M. Maxton, the President of the U.P. Area Committee and we had tea with Singh Sisters and Mrs. Dhar family with few friends invited by them. We are grateful to Singh Sisters and Mrs. Dhars family for their kind hospitality whenever we visited Lucknow. They also gave a donation of Rs. 200/- as a family.

We met Rev. Russel of the Ephiphony Church. We were happy to meet him after a long interval. He was a friend and guide to our Jhansi branch, when he was at Jhansi. We hope that he would continue the same at Lucknow also.

4th April:

I preached in the Ephiphony Church at 8 A.M. and at 10 A.M. told about the N.M.S. to the English congregation that met at Lalbagh Methodist Church. In the evening, I preached in the Methodist Central Church.

5th April:

At 9 A.M. I conducted devotion for Every Home Crusade staff in the office. In the evening we had a fairly attended branch meeting and with whom we had lively discussions. The one point brought forth was this. The U P State being the biggest State in population and second biggest State in area, was it right to have only one Centre in a corner of the State. They pleaded that we should open another centre. Afterwards we had a fellowship dinner at Mr. Maxton's house.

6th April:

We had a get-together at Mr. A. K. Das, Ex-President's house. Mr & Mrs. A. K. Das were at home for the members. The Elite Christian Community of Lucknow gathered there. We explained about the N.M.S. and its aim and pleaded for their support. Professor Shaw suggested that more branches to be established in U.P. This also brings out the need for organising work in U.P.

7th April:

We visited *Rae Berily*, where we had a very active supporting branch which has now become defunct. We had two meetings--one at Mr. Gilbert's house which was largely attended and another in the Methodist church. The people promised to extend their support. Mr. A.H. Khan and the Secretary of the Lucknow branch came with us. They were of very great help. We are grateful

to Mr & Mrs. A. H. Khan, Mr & Mrs. Maxton, Singh Sisters and Mrs. Dhar's family for their hospitality.

8th to 11th April — Kanpur:

We reached Kanpur on 8th noon by bus. We were lodged in Haddard school Mr & Mrs. Shukla were kind enough to entertain us. Mrs. Shukhla is the President of the branch. Mr. Joshi Das and Mr. N. F. Paul are the secretaries of the branch and Mr. S. C. Singh Vice-President were with us taking us to different places to meet friends. Kanpur is a big extensive industrial area and Christians are scattered all over. It is diffcult for any single person to contact the Christians. It is necessary to form an active Area Committee, as it is in Madras City.

9th morning:

Conducted devotions to the staff of Haddard school and visited the ministers of churches. In the evening visited the Railway Colony.

10th to 12th April:

In the morning we visited the friends. In the evening, we had a branch meeting at Mrs. Shukhla's house. It was well attended and we had useful discussions about the development of the branch at Kanpur. We suggested the methods adopted in Madras City and asked them first to enlist members and then divide into branches and to form an Area Committee. Mr. A H. Khan, Area Committee Secretary was with us. In the evening we conducted two prayer meetings in the houses and visited Mr. H. J Samuel's family, who kindly contributed Rs. 50/- for the N.M.S. We started by mid-night and reached Jhansi, on 12th hoping to have good rest before taking train to Madras. But our old friend, Mr. A.B. David and our worker Rev. Sherring met us and told the engagement they had arranged. So, we had to visit the friends and address a meeting in the Johkhanbagh Christian hostel. Mrs. Kamble a regular supporter of the N.M.S. and who is fighting with the Government for her right, met us. We had dinner with Mr. D. S. Paul's family, in the railway headquarters and took train on 13th morning and reached Madras by 14th noon, leaving Mr. Paul Singh at Itarsi.

U.P. Area Committee's Request

When the General Secretary visited U.P. Area and met the Area Committee Secretary and the President and members, an

unanimous request was made to open another Centre in U.P. The biggest State in population. So, they have suggested *Mallihabad* which is 15 miles away from Lucknow. There is no church or Christian workers there. So, it is an unreached place. Members are requested to pray for this Centre that God may give us a good worker as well as resources to open the Centre.

South Tamil Nadu Area Committee

We are very happy to inform the readers that the Sauth Tamil Nadu Area Committee met at Nazareth, Tinnevelly Dt. on 27th March, 1976 under the Chairmanship of the Rev. M.D. Rajamani. Rev. Dyanchand Carr conducted the devotions. Miss E. L. Joshua Ex-Organising Secretary of the N.M.S., was a Special Speaker. The Committee has recommended that the Area be split up into 4 areas, i.e,, 1. Tinnevelly Dt., 2. Kanyakumari Dt., 3. Madurai (Rural) Ramnathapuram Dt. and 4. Trichy-Thanjavur Dts. They also insisted in conducting prayer meetings in the houses of the subscribers on their birth-days and collect funds for birth-day project. The Committee have also suggested that one more nurse and two attenders be appointed for the Jawadhi hill work. Members are requested to pray that steps taken for the formation of the new areas be successful, and helpful for furtherance of the Gospel.

Reports from the Fields

Nepal—Butwal: Mr. V. T. Abraham writes:- The General Secretary, and the Organising Secretary, Mr. Paul Singh visited Butwal. It was encouraging to us. They also visited the work spots and had conversation with our converts, at Mangalapur. It is an opening for the converts. Mr. Lal Bahadur a senior member, who does voluntary work suggested that a Nepali alone can communicate the Gospel to a Nepali under the political situation in the country. Hence, a Nepali should be used by the N.M.S.

Secondly, this did not mean that non-Nepalis are not wanted. They are to be there to give instructions to the converts and to develop them in the knowledge of Christ and experience In the event of ourselves shifting from Butwal, he was willing to look after our Nepal concerts and also do Gospel work. He needs some honororium for his travel. He is a land-owner. Mr. Lal Bahadur of Kewli needs our prayers. As the N.M.S. wishes to move to an unreached place, I and the General and Organising

Secretary visited Hetauda and Kathmandu. The General Secretary had discussions with the Executive Secretary and the Director of United Missions, Nepal. They felt the present congregation, at Butwal as it is a well-established and self-managing one, we can move to an unreached place either to the east or to the west of Butwal. Members are requested to pray that God may guide us to open a new Centre in a fitting place.

NB. We are happy to note that Mr. Abraham's son is progressing very-well in his studies in the school at Mussurie. He has got 62% on the whole. His conduct had been good. Progress has been assessed as good. Abrahams thank the friends in Madurai City for their help through the N.M.S. Head-quarters.

Bageshwar—UP. : Mr. Bachi Singh writes :- The work is carried on among the Hindus. The General Secretary and the Organising Secretary visited the Centre and entered into conversation with some people. They have understood how hard the soil is for the Gospel, to bear fruit. Members are requested to pray for this Centre.

Andamans—Our missionaries, Rev. & Mrs. Joseph Wilson writes:- They were visiting places to fix the head-quarters, in a place other than Port Blair. For the time being, they have fixed their head-quarters at Diglipur in North Andamans. He was able to gather a few Christians around and arrange for worship. Rev. Wilson further reports that he had baptised three people-husband, wife and child. One of the enquirers was forbidden from taking baptism by the relatives and he is arranging to establish a school with the help of the Government. Members are requested to pray for his work.

Dhanbad—Bihar : Mr. John Thomas writes :- The people are interested was taught to their children. They also like to hear the stories from the Bible. A few people have received Bible and they are reading it. Please remember them in your prayers.

Jawadhi Hills—Athipet : Mr. Vedaraj, who is undergoing theological training in Hindustan Bible Institute, Madras, was sent to work in Thongumalai, as this Station has been without a worker as Mr. I. Arumainayagam went on medical leave. He continues the work and he writes that he conducts school for children and teach them Bible stories. They are earnestly hearing the stories and prayers are requested for these children.

Alleri : Mr. Jayaraj Samuel and Mr. N. S. Raman :- They write that due to tamarind picking season, the attendance for the

school is reduced. They are regularly visiting the houses of the people and through their conversation, they communicate the Gospel to them. The roof of the thatched-shed, where they live, may come down at any time. So, members are requested to pray and help. It is an unreachable place We have to climb straight about 5 miles up to reach this place. To get things from the plains is a very difficult and costly. Friends are requested to pray and help to rebuild the house.

Nadanoor : Mr. S. Gnanamuthu writes :- The team from St. John's Church, Vellore Fort, visited the Centre. They also joined the worship. He is gathering materials to build up the nurse's quarters. There is a great enthusiasm among the youths. In a recent letter, he wrote that when he was out of station, some of the building materials gathered had been taken away by the people who are against the Christians working in that locality.

We were informed that Mr. Gnamuthu was taken ill and with great difficulty brought to Vellore. On the way he fainted and fell. He was admitted in the C.M.C. Hospital. Members are requested to pray for Him.

Miss Sarammal George, the nurse writes that she had given treatment for 129 patients. St. John's Church team visited Nadanoor Centre. One young boy from Nambiampet was brought here with typhoid. By God's grace, after three days treatment he was cured. He shows interest towards Christ. Please remember him in your prayers.

Jamnamarathur: Rev. Paul Sanjeevi and Mr. Paulian report:- The Christian Mission Service team visited the Centre and we carried on the Gospel work with them. Rt Rev. Thangamuthu Bishop in Coimbatore of the C.S.I. visited various centres of the Hills and conducted retreat for the workers. There Rose Pandian conducted meetings from 8th to 11th April for the congregation at Jamnamarathur.

Kalyanamanthai : Mr. Victor writes:- The Christian Mission Service team was in that centre for 5 days. A few people are attending the service now. Mrs. Madurabai, the nurse reports that she treated 134 patients and she attended for 3 days the mobile medical clinic at Vellikottai.

Mrs. Easther Robertson writes that she had gone to attend the confinement of a lady. By God's grace it was a normal confinement. People say that Christ alone helped them. Members are requested to pray for them.

Athipet : Mr. P. Rajian writes:- He was visiting the villages and a youngman by name Chinnathambi was hearing the Gospel

very earnestly. Bishop Thangamuthu of Coimbatore visited the Centre on 23-3-1976.

Gundalathur : Mr. James Meyyan writes :- As the Christian Missionary Service team visited the Centre, he joined the team and did good work. He also reports that the Bishop's visit and retreat was very helpful to them. 33 students are attending the night school. On 11-3-1976, he had preached to a gathering of 75 people. A sick man by name Raman, who was aged 30 years met us and testified that Christ is the Lord and Saviour. He says he was helped in his conviction by the missionary testimony.

Prui : Mr. G. Rosiah writes :- He says that this is not the season, but yet, the people regularly attend the service. The schools were closed for the summer holidays. The threat of eviction of the fishermen from their residence is kept in abeyance in response to our prayers. Please remember the poor fishermen in your prayers.

Babina—M.P. : Rev. Edwin Sherring writes that he had visited 17 villages around Babina and sold one Bible, one New Testament, 133 Gospels and 150 tracts were distributed and con, ducted 5 meetings. He contacted non Christians in this area-both as individual and as a group. Please pray for the worker.

Malligachi—West Bengal : Mr. P.R. Gupta writes that one Muslim young-man named Noor Muhammad, a graduate, has decided to take holy baptism, as soon as we arrange for the same. Let us remember him in our prayers.

Muddebihal : Mr. Franklin Bhasme writes that he visited 7 different places, and had meetings with school children, at Basargodi. At Lepogeri, I preached to Lamani people and explained to them the purpose of dying of Christ Jesus. These Lamani people were opposed to Gospel. At Thangadi I continued my individual work. At Muddebihal there was mutual exchange of views between Koran and Bible among the Muslims. I explained to them the Biblical points. In the fair in Jawadigi I met people and had discussion about the spiritual life and we had a meeting at the house of Shree Magi and had discussions regarding Islam, Lingayat and Christian teachings.

OBITUARY

We regret to inform the readers about the death of Dr. Dwaraka Bai on 13th April, 76 after a prolonged illness. She was a great helper of the N.M.S. She donated Rs. 3,000/- for a Malligachi worker's house. She has also contributed to other charitable institutions. We convey our sincere condolences to the bereaved.

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Mr. Samuel H. Sherring, Lalitpur	5	00
Mrs. Nalini Diraviam, Ms	5	00
Rev. R. M. Diraviam,	5	00
Mrs M. P. Senathipathy, Ms	10	00
Miss Evangeline Devakirubai	2	00
Mr G. A. Kennet, Madurai	15	00
Mrs. Merta P. Kotian, Ambur	10	00
Mr. Ku Masih, Sohagpur	10	00
,, S. G. Daniel, Trichy	5	00
,, B. Mathew, Tottukadavil	15	00
,, R. G. R. Paul, Trichy	5	00
Mrs. F. Baskerraj, Bolarum	5	00
Mr. Suseendran Samuel, Trichy	5	00
Mrs. Anandaraj Buckle, Madurai	10	00
Master David Jeyaraj, Trichy	5	00
Miss Leelamani, Trivandrum	10	00
Dr. N. T. Thomas, Pennadam	5	00
Jasmine Devakirubai, Ms-36	15	00
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,, A. G. Vedasundaraj,	15	00
Mrs. Lydia George,	20	00
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Mr. F. B. Jathanna, Mangalore	10	00
Mr. G A Soans, Mangalore	5	00
Mrs. M. Soans, ,,	5	00
	292	00

Madras City Prayer Meeting Collections :

Thro' Mr. O. V. Alexander,	44	15
Thro' Mrs D Balachandran,	17	20
Dr. Javapaul Azariah,	17	30
Thro' Mr. S Madhav, Ms	8	15
Thro' Mr Samuel Daniel, Kodambakkam Prayer Meeting	30	32
	25	25
	149	22

Field Receipts:

Jawadhi Hills	256	36
Muddebihal	19	75
Bageshwar	10	00
Rajasthan	3	00
Isapanthy Ashram	185	95
Thro' Rev. Edwin Sherring, Dabra		
Rev. & Mrs Edwin Sherring	10	00
Mr. & Mrs. D. V Hoffman	15	00
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,, ,, H. H Singh	6	00
,, ,, Hardwin Spencer	4	00
Mr. & Mrs. Hamilton Sherring	4	00
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,, ,, Yaqub Masih	4	00
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Anonymous	5	00
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Mrs. T. John	1	00
	572	06

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Thro' Dr. K. Kurien, Dindigul towards Bihar work	600	00
Mrs. Scella Moses, Neyyoor	10	00
Thro' Mr. Y Packiamony, Nazareth towards Jawadhi Medical work	500	00
Dr. Patrick Yesudian Ms. 7 towards the support of a doctor in Jawadhi	300	00
Rev. J. Balasingh, Kulathur towards theological training fund	30	00
Treasurer, AELC, Guntur for Andaman work	3,000	00
Anonymous for a special purpose	2,000	00
Mr. A. S. Johnson, Ms towards sch fund	100	00
Mrs. A. Dorairaj, Ms. 14 towards sch. fund	50	00

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Thro' Mr. J. P. Ashwal

Vikhroli	27	50
Ghatkoper	31	00
Marol	154	75
Byculla	22	50
Bhandup	30	00
The Sarvothama Welding & Engg. Works, Ramakrishnawadi	51	00
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Dr E. R. Bidari, ,,	20	00
Dr. H. D Bidari, ,,	25	00
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Miss M. Nadngadee	10	00
,, K Rasuthkar	6	00
Mr. H. Ekos	8	00
Mrs E Peters	5	00
Miss Sophia Bidari	20	00
Dr. D. Bidari, Pandarpur	60	00
Dr. A. N. Gaikwad, Miraj	5	00
Mrs. Amonn Philips, Miraj	5	00
Mr. Mac H. Karat, ,,	15	00
Mrs. L D Patil, ,,	25	00
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Mrs. Poonamma Joseph, Miraj	10	00
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Mr. V. A. Desai	5	00
,, S. P. Jadhav	2	00
,, G Anchan, Chembur	10	00
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Mr S C Jayaprasnna, ,,	10	00
,, D Amanna, Byculla	40	00
,, C Valentine, Mazagon	5	00
,, I Joseph, Byculla	10	00
Basel Mission Prayer Union, Byculla	20	00
Mr D E Heri, Mazagon	10	00
,, H J Soans, Byculla Bridge	10	00
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Mrs A Soans, Byculla	10	00
Mr S B Satyavrata, Clare Rd.	10	00
Mr S John, Byculla	10	00
,, E Kunder, Agripada	5	00
Mrs H K Chandran, Agripada	5	00
Mr Lazar Salins, ,,	11	00
,, D W Soans, Byculla	5	00
,, E Benjers, ,, Bridge	10	00
,, H L Hubert, Bycully	10	00
Mrs R Amanna, ,,	5	00
Mr A Prabhakar, ,,	5	00
,, I Soans, Agripade	5	00
,, C Satyavrata, Mulund	20	00
,, W Kunder Parel	10	00
,, S Soans, ,,	5	00
,, A R Clare, Byculla	10	00
,, S J Patankar, Parel	5	00

Methodist Church	50	00
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Mrs E Salis	25	00
Sushanti Sunday School, Byculla	20	00
Mr E Cecil	12	00
B M Sunday School, Vikhroli	10	00
B M Sunday School, Kurla	20	00
B M Sunday Chembur	18	75
The Karnataka Church	50	00
Hume Memorial Congregation Church, V. Garden	60	00
	1056	00

Karnataka:

Thro' J. P. Ashwal

Mrs R Bunyan, Gadag	10	00
Mr. James Clare, Gadag	10	00
Mrs Venubai A Sheelabhadra, Bagalkot	5	00
,, S R Huli, Bagalkot	2	00
,, M K Singh, ,,	2	00
Mr D S Koneri, ,,	2	00
Dr S S Ullangadi	10	00
Mrs A C Hosamani ,,	5	00
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Mr P Josper ,,	5	00
Rev A S Kanti ,,	5	00
Mr Prasada Ratiwalli	5	00
Miss Rajith Kumari, Hassan	100	00
Rev A S Kannavalli, Devangere	5	00
Mr H Premdas, ,,	5	00
,, Jacob	1	00
Mrs H Prema Leela	1	00
Mr J D Halli, ,,	1	00
,, Joseph Devaraj ,,	1	00
,, Daniel	5	00
,, John	1	00
Mrs. Kamalamma Pandaker	5	00
,, S K Ratnam	1	00
Mr Devaprasad	2	00
,, Samson	0	50
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,, Niranjan	1	00
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Miss Gladys Malekve	5	00
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,, C S. Patil	10	00
Dr R M Rajpur	12	00
M/s Maben Bros	20	00
Dr N Y Aigarani	5	00
Mrs S D David	50	00
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Mr F Maben	5	00
	414	50

South Tamil Area:

Kailasapuram Township Trichy-14

D. Jeyachandran	50	00
P. Hemachandran	50	00
D. Thambusamy	50	00
S. Dasamani	100	00
S. Dhanasegaran	50	00
J. Shelton	25	00
H. S. S. Singh	5	00
P. Jeyakumar	25	00
D. K. T. Felix	15	00
Umesh Appadurai	23	00
Mahsh Appadurai	23	00
Baby Appadurai	4	00
Earnest Devapirium	10	00
Thro' Mr. Shelton	270	00
Medhodist Girls' High School, Trichy	64	20
Thro' Mrs. Gladys Devasahayam, Nagercoil	120	00
All Saints Middle School, Trichy	11	50
Treasurer, K. K. Diocese, Salary towards Jawadhi Hill Workers	6,528	42
Thro' Mr John Devaraj, Tiruvarur	81	00
Thro' Mr D P Singaram, Trichy	20	00
Mr T Thangappa, Kulathuvilai	10	00
Thro' Mr Y Packiamony, Nazareth	280	00
,, ,, T Samuel, Thanjavur	152	75
,, ,, J Shelton, Trichy	700	00
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Mr S J Abraham, Kulitalai	50	00
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Dr Mrs Monsingh, Trichy	20	00

Mrs Rosalind Herbert, Trichy	11	00
Mr Edward Devavaram, Trichy	10	00
,, George Raj Madurai	15	00
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Miss P Gurumanickam, Ramanathapuram	5	00
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Mrs Jayaseeli Josephus, Trichy	5	00
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,, M J Mahanraj, Jayankondam	6	00
,, Sundarsingh, Madurai	2	00
,, T J Lazarus, Madurai	20	00
,, John Samuel, Iringalur	10	00
Mrs K Rajam, Dorairaj, Trichy	10	00
,, Jeya Ruby, John	5	00
Mrs Febrine Thomas, Tuticarin	40	00
,, A Palammal Victor, Kuzhithurai	15	00
,, Jemina Kajendran, Madurai	25	00
Miss M Victoria Mary Elizabeth, Trichy	5	00
Mrs Lilly Abraham, Kulitalai	2	00
Miss Kiruna Abraham, ,,	1	00
Master Jebakumar, ,,	1	00
Miss Nauline Abraham, ,,	1	00
Mrs F Swamipillai, Madurai	10	00
Dr W H Raghavaiah, Pattukottai	25	00
Mrs Anbu Ratnam, Madurai	5	00
,, T Chelliah, Thanjavur	12	00

Thro' Mr. Solomon Rajaya, Thanjavur

Dr Aruliah Samuel, Thanjavur	5	00
Mr M Chinnappan, Thanjavur	5	00
,, Sugantharajan, Trichy	5	00
,, J M Devapaul, Trichy	12	00
Rev C J Daniel, Goldenrock	5	00
Mr Gnanaraj, Trichy	2	00
Mr Asirvatham, Goldenrock	1	00
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,, Ranjan Samuel, Trichy	5	00
Pro. J. P. Ebenezer, Trichy	10	00
Mr Edwin, Trichy	5	00
,, Sugantharaj Immanuel, Trichy	10	00
,, D Bannet, Thanjavur	10	00
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Thanjavur Branch

Thro' Mrs. Annam Ponnnusamy,

Solomon Rajiah	60	00
Karuna Thangasami	3	00
Rita Thangaraj	12	00
C Thangaraj	12	00
Thangasami Balu	12	00
R Thomas	12	00
Vimala Jayaseelan	24	00
P Williams	6	00
C Wilfred Devaraj	36	00
Selvomoni	40	00
Victor Vedamoni	24	00
A Swamidoss	24	00
Gnanamoni Babu	12	00
Chandrasekaran Babu	12	00
Florence Geetha	12	00
Joy Balraj	12	00
Mangaladurai	55	00
G Balasundaran	24	00
Gnanathangiah	24	00
Esther Isaac	24	00
Eden Alexander	60	00
P Jayasingh	24	00
J S David	12	00
Kamala Alexander	24	00
J R Ponnusami	12	00
A V Jeyaraj	24	00
Nallaraj	60	00
Jayaraj Manomani	12	00
J Anna Pillai	12	00
Milli P	10	00
K Jeyaraj	60	00
R Jeyaraj	60	00
Pentasingh Daniel	12	00
S N David	25	00
Samuel Selvakumar	12	00
Beatric Ezekiel	12	00
Barbara Ezekiel	12	00
Bunigbera Ezekiel	12	00
Basillai Ezekiel	12	00
Joseph David	14	00
Gladys Rajiah	12	00
S E Devaraj	12	00
Leo Dennis	33	00
Walter Rajamoni	14	00
S Watz Antony	16	00
K Devadoss	2	00
A Manoharan	14	00
Sakuntala Inbaraj	10	00
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Ethelbert	60	00
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Abraham Selvaraj	1	50
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Thanjavur Branch (contd.)

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Anbu Devadossan	6	00
Angel James	6	00
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Albert Charles	6	00
A Azariah	240	00
G H S Amlendran	60	00
Arulanandam	60	00
Antonisami	24	00
Beatric Devadoss	6	00
V Baskar	6	00
Beatric Lincoln	36	00
Baby Devanesan	12	00
Y Balraj	24	00
B Charles	12	00
T J Chelliah	3	00
S C Durairaj	12	00
M A Daniel	19	00
N Durairaj	24	00
D S David	36	00
D Durairaj	6	00
Darling Patric	6	00
D Dharmaraj	24	00
J Deraviam	36	00
S Druaikan	12	00
J L Edward	6	00
A Edward	6	00
Ernest Raj	9	00
R J B Frederick	60	00
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Dr. G Gordon	6	00
Gyow Paulraj	24	00
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Gunavathi Martin	12	00
George Sundersingh	12	00
S D Gunasekaran	12	00
Grace Devasagayam	24	00
J Gnanavasagam	2	50
George Thangasami	24	00
Helen Rajiah	6	00
Helen Hubert	36	00
Henry Mariammal	6	00
Helen Dawson	12	00
S Ignatius	6	00
J A Doss	6	00
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Jeyamoni Daniel	12	00
Kamalabai Mathuram	36	00
Koil Nadar	12	00
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Leela Robert	6	00
Leela Ebenezer	12	00
Leela Durairaj	12	00
Lily Daniel	12	00
Moses Rajadoss	24	00
Mary Pichaiammal	6	00
Nesam Duraikan	12	00
Gnanam Pandian	12	00
S M Pandian	12	00
Mercy Pandian	24	00
Rani Pandian	60	00
D J Pandian	24	00
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J Paul	18	00
Pappammal David	6	00
Pauline Williams	9	50
Pushpam Cornelius	12	00
Pamila Swamidoss	12	00
Rani Ambrose	12	00
S A Rajaih	12	00
Rajakumari Herbert	24	00
Rejamoni David	12	00
Rachael Leela Thomas	5	00
Rajakumar Rajiah	120	00
S Philip	12	00
M A Swamidoss	12	00
Dr D Sundaraj	6	00
D Selvanayagam	40	00
D Stanley	24	00
Thro' Mrs A Ponnusamy, Thanjavur, Sale Proceeds	110	00
Madurai Area Committee	4,000	00
Mrs C E Smith	20	00
	16,557	94

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,, Mr S F Jayavelu	88	50
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,, ,, Alfred Vetharaj	166	00
,, Mrs Stella Moses	116	50
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,,	R Joseph	507	00	,,	R Stanley	2	00
,,	Mrs Joy Pandian	66	00	,,	Stephen Chelliah	10	00
,,	Mr P C Mathew	26	00	,,	AWenceslavs	12	00
,,	,, J F Davaraj	212	50	,,	J Sundararaj	50	00
,,	,, M D Selvaraj	345	00	Dr.	G S Davies	20	00
,,	Mrs A Kesari	49	00	Mr.	A Daniel	6	00
,,	Mr S Owen	166	50	,,	S B Jayaseelan	25	00
,,	,, M R Paramanan-dam	159	00	Mrs.	J Paulraj	50	00
,,	,, Jayaraj Isaac	207	00	Mr.	M P Ponraj	25	00
,,	,, Swamidoss	70	00	,,	E C Harris	10	00
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Mr	W Prakash	4	00	,,	P I Chacko	10	00
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Mr	E Lazarus	4	00	Mrs	Arputham Baskaran	5	00
Dr	Jayapaul Azariah,	20	00	Mrs	Joy Solomon	20	00
Mr	E Paul Gnanabharanam	10	00	Mr.	D S Daniel	25	00
,,	P S Durairaj	20	00	,,	P Rajan	5	00
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Mr	L Rajasekaran	5	00	Dr &	Mrs Winfred Ezekiel	12	00
Mrs	Vijaya Jayakumar	10	00	J	J Masillamani	10	00
Mr	Koilpitchai	30	00	Miss	T Jayanthi	10	00
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,,	A J Dason	1	00	Mr	C Solomon	10	00
,,	J E Packianathan	1	00	,,	J Colton Samuel	20	00
,,	F S Dewans	10	00	Mrs	Jacobani	4	00
,,	S R Samuel	2	00	Miss	D Jayarathinam	10	00
,,	R C Samuel	3	00	Mr	Ratnam	6	00
,,	N Devasayam	2	00	,,	N Neethirajan	12	00
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Mr &	Mrs V Paul	25	00	,,	G Davis Rajiah	3	00
Mr	Paul Victor	36	00	,,	George Sebastian	3	00
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,,	E Vijayakumar	1	00	Mrs	Arulraj	12	00
,,	D Cabb	1	00	Mr	Victor Pandian	10	00
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,,	F Daniel	12	00	,,	D V Muthukumar	5	00
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,,	Joshua	5	00	,,	N J K Raj	20	00
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,,	P Swamidas	2	00	,,	K C Oommen	15	00
,,	J Selvaraj	3	00	,,	Albert Stephen	12	00
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,,	C R Durairai	10	00	Mr	R Leslie Tagore	12	00
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PRAYER

Almighty and everlasting God, who hast revealed thyself as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and dost ever live and reign in the perfect unity of love: Grant that we may always hold firmly and joyfully to this faith, and, living in praise of thy divine majesty, may finally be one in thee; who art three Persons in one God, world without end.

Amen.

MEDITATION

"The grace of our Lord Jesus, and the love of God and fellowship in the Holy Spirit, be with you all: 2 Cor. 13 : 14."

This trinitarian blessing is not a fanciful invention of the apostles and early Christians. They were led to realise the existence of the Triune God in the life and activity of the Church. In the very first sermon by St. Peter we read of the three persons, viz. God, Jesus and Holy Spirit (Acts : 2) This was experienced and expressed by the early Church in its life and activity. The end of Ch. 2 in the Book of Acts describes the nature and life of the early Christian Community. Among the many aspects of the life of the early Christians, three brings out the experience of Trinity.

1. **Worshipping Church**: The early Christians worshipped in the open courtyard (Solomon's Portico—Acts 5 : 13). But, the worship of the Christians was quite different from Jewish and Pagan worships with sacrifices, ceremonies and rituals. It was worship in Spirit and Truth of unseen God. but, the worshippers experience was like that of Isaiah (6 : 1-8). Non-members of the Christian Community, when they observed the worship, they admired and were attracted because it was a worship of the Almighty, ever-lasting Holy God. In worshipping they experienced the existence of the I Person of Trinity the Father.

2, **Early Christian Community was a fellowship based on love.** They loved God and loved their fellowmen in obedience to our

Lord's Commandments. John 3 : 16. God so loved the world. By love God sent His Son. By love to Father The Son was obedient even unto death on the cross. The fellowhip in which love and care for fellowmen practiced made the little group a revolutionary group in and among whom God dwelt. In the life of the Church they found the existence of the II Person in Trinity.

3. **In the growing Church,** the early Christians and others who were attracted experienced the indwelling of the Holy Spirit the III Person. The Holy Spirit directed and guided the Church to reach new places, to break the barriers of midwall of partition between Jew and Gentile. Philip was directed to run to find the Ethiopian Enuch. Holy spirit commanded to set aside Paul and Barnabas. Paul was forbidden to go to Galatia and to change his course to Macedonia. So, the people experienced in the life of the early church the action of Holy Spirit the III Person in Trinty.

The early Church experienced the Triune God in action and gave expression to Him. The theories and doctrines of Holy Spirit came later. It is this experience that led the early Christians to believe in the Holy Trinity, which become one of the fundamentals of Christianity.

Do we reveal the existence of Triune God in our worship living and in our obedience to God ?

Report from the field and request for prayers.

Andamans.— Our Missionary, Rev. G. Joseph Wilson, arrived at Port Blair on 22nd December, 1975, as per our instructions. He stayed for sometime and went out to see other islands and fixed his head-quarters for himself other than Port Blair, because the Missionaries and Church activities are abundant in Port Blair. Bishop of Andamans, who had kindly cooperated with us and consented to supervise the work, had told him to tour round and fix a place as his head-quarters, which would suit his missionary work. Though Mr. Ch. Asirvadham did not extend his cooperation to him, he of his own accord visited other islands in Andamans and chose Diglipur in North Andamans as his head-quarters, from which he tours around and contacts Telugu, Bengali, Oriya, Hindi and Malayalam people. In Diglipur he prepared two families for baptism. One of the two families was baptised and the other was prohibited from taking baptism by their relatives. So, one family consisting of father, mother and child were (Srimantharao, Mary

and Swarthamma-daughter) baptised. He had arranged a small Telugu congregation of 5 families excluding the newly baptised family to group together for worship consisting of 21 members. These families gather at the Missionary's residence for worship. Sometimes, Hindus also attend the worship.

The house in which he lives consists of a store room and a kitchen and is devoid of other amenities. In the rainy season, the house isfull of leeches. So, Mrs. Wilson found it very difficult to live in that house, but, somehow she adjusts. Rev. Wilson visits from Diglipur, Durgapur, Lakshmipur, Madupur and other places. The islands are full of hills and so the ways are ups and downs. One day when he was travelling on his cycle, a dog came and dashed against his cycle and so he fell and sprained his leg. By God's good grace he is now better, In spite of these, he goes round visiting not only Telugu but also Bengalis and other North Indian settlers. He badly needs literature and hymnbooks. We have written to the Scripture Gift Mission and Bible Society for literature. Friends are requested to pray for him that Lord should be with him in his lonely adventure and bless his ministry.

Sad News from Puri.

The crown of the N M.S. work was Puri, where fishermen were drawn to Christ by a miraculous incident. This church was true in character to the New Testament church found in the Acts of Apostle 2nd Chapter, for which we were thanking and praising God. These fishermen were Andhras and they settled down on the sea-shore, because it was advantageous for their fishing business. This land was not alienated to them. So, after the emergency the Government ordered that the people should vacate the site; but they have appealed before the State and the Central Governments praying that they should be retained in the same place until a good place is found for their settlement. The people were given to understand that they would be left undisturbed for 3 years, during which time they and the Government should cooperate and find together a suitable place for settling these people. But, to our great shocked, we received a telegram followed by a letter from Mr. G. Rosiah, our N.M S. Worker in Puri on 8-6-1976, stating that the whole Pentacotah colony including the house of the Christians and the Church were destroyed and the people were rendered homeless. We sent telegram to the Bishop at Cuttack, as well as to our Executive Committee Member in Cuttack to visit the centre and report the condition. We received report from the Bishop and the Executive Committee member that the people were provided temporarily to live in a

fisherman's land. The Collector asked our people to remove the roof of the chapel cum school. So the roof and furniture pieces were removed. So, our people are in great difficulties. The little flock may be scattered We do not know what would be their future. The General Secretary is visiting the place from 18th. So, in the next issue, we will have a report about the situation in Puri But meanwhile, friends are requested to pray for these poor people, who are rendered homeless and for their business, which is affected. Further, their regular fellowship meetings were disturbed. If a new settlement is fixed, there is need to put up a chapel. The present chapel which was asked to be demolished was built at their own cost, amounting to Rs. 13,000/- Those who wish to help them may kindly send their mite to the N.M.S. head-quarters.

The library work in Puri. I am glad to hear from the Bishop in Cuttack that the library building was put in good repairs and is ready to be re-opened. We are trying to get an Oriya worker, who will be in charge of the library and work among the Oriya people. It needs equipment and books. Friends are requested to pray for this need. Even if the Pentacotah fishermen colony were to be removed from Puri, we need to carry on the library work because it is in a strategic point. So, we need funds for equipping books in the library and also for supporting the worker. Puri had been a very fruitful centre and the library will be a very valuable one to begin with.

Jawadhi Hills. The friends from the staff of the Bains School as a team visited Jawadhi Hills at the end of May, 1976 and visited Jamnamarathur, Athipet, Kalyanamanthai, Veerappanaur and Nadanur. We are very glad to report with grateful heart to God that Mr. S. Gnanamuthu, our senior Evangelist who worked at Nadanur has recovered after treatment in the C. M. C. Hospital, Vellore, by the kindness of Dr. C.K. Job. He was discharged on the 5th June. He was advised rest until July 1st week. Glad to report that he would be joining duty. Miss Saramma George, the nurse, who had to stay alone in the lonely place was to be brought to Jamnamarathur and sent to her place on her annual leave. She would be joining duty by the 1st week of July. In Veerappanur well-digging in our polt. Though it was tried in two places, there were no signs of water coming and so, Mr. M. D. Selvaraj, who visited with the Bains School team, with their water divining apparatus suggested a third place. So, the well will be dug in the third place. The urgent need here is the worker's house. At present the worker lives in a house onrent in the Government colony building for tribal people. But, it is not safe because the roof is crumbling. Further,

tribal people increase the rent every year. So, it is necessary the that we should build up a house as soon as possible.

As Mr. I. Arumainayagam has moved from Thongumalai to Nadanoor to look after the property and continue the work at Nadanoor, in the absence of Mr. Gnanamuthu, Mr. Vedaraj Daniel, who is a student in the Hindusthan Bible Institute studying with the support of the N.M.S. was directed to work during his holidays at Thongumalai. He reports that he conducts night and day schools, which are well attended.

We had already reported in the last issue that while Mr. Gnanamuthu was absent from the station, some who are against our Gospel work, have removed some of the materials stocked for building our nurse's quarters.

Alleri: Mr. Jayaraj Samuel writes that he and Mr. David Raman were visiting the houses and were having regular contacts with the people. Mr. David Raman was already released as per his request. Mr. Jayaraj Samuel also writes that the tribal people are regularly visiting him at nights to hear about Lord Jesus. Their regularity shows their interest in our God. Friends are requested to pray for them. He also reports about the dangerous condition of the house in which he lives in, whieh needs to be put into good repairs. We need funds about Rs. 700 to 1000/-. Friends who are interested in this work are requested to help by their prayers and contributions. Please send your contributions to the N.M.S. office.

N.B.

Alleri is remote place and to reach it costs much to take things up the hill from the plains.

We have received news from *Muddebihal* that our Evangelist Mr. Franklin Bhasme is regularly visiting villages around contacting teachers and primary school children. The people are eagerly hearing the Gospel.

Jawar in Maharashtra: Work is carried on by the volunteers from Bombay. Urgently we need a good worker. Members are requested to pray that we may get a sincere worker to work among the Adivasis.

Medical work

Medical work is carried on with good number of patients having infectuous diseases. They are given treatment by the nurses. They are asked to believe that Lord Jesus alone can cure them through their faith.

Nepal. In the last Executive, held at Trivandrum, it was decided to move from the present centre, Butwal, to an unreached place either in the east or in the west of Butwal. His work involves much travel up and down the hills and long distances; it was personally understood by the General Secretary by his recent visit and so, it was recommended that he should be provided with local travel to enable Mr. and Mrs. Abraham to visit villages. Mr. Lal Bhaadur, one of the senior converts is to be accepted as our honorary evangelist to visit the places, which have been contacted in and around Butwal with actual travel allowance. Members are requested to pray that God may guide us to find a new unreached place for our work.

OBITUARY

We deeply regret to inform the readers that Miss D. Jeyarathnam, Manger and Correspondent of Manuel Sowrastra Middle School, Chintadripet, passed away after a brief illness on the 14th June 1976. She was very much interested in the N. M. S. work. A part from her subscription, she was contributing separately for the N. M. S work in Jawadhi hills.

We offer on sincere condolences to the relatives of Miss Jeyarathnam.

Contributions received during the months of April & May, 1976

Punjab :

Mr. G. J. Gill, Chandigarh	25	00
	25	00

Uttar Pradesh :

Thro' Mr R P Elred, Allahabad	53	00
Thro' Rev. Justin I Cling Din, Fatehpur Collections	49	00
Thro' Mr J Das, Kanpur	60	00
Treasurer, Lucknow Branch	500	00
Mrs E Jinku, Agra	200	00
Miss M T Speake, Lucknow	30	00
Rev M J Jacob, Katinadu	21	57
Mr Bachi Singh, Almora	20	00
Mrs K M Dhar, Lucknow	50	00
Miss I S Dhar	50	00
Miss V C Dhar	50	00
Dr A S Dhar	50	00
Dr Miss M Dass	20	00
Mrs Gelbert, Bareilly	10	00
Mr & Mrs Gunnigham, Jhansi	20	00
,, ,, H J Samuel, Kanpur	50	00
Mrs M Kamble, Jhansi	10	00
Mr. Lazarus, Agra	7	00
	1250	57

Delhi :

Mrs H Hector Singh, Delhi	5	00
Mr B K Singh	10	00
M/s R J Solomon	50	00
,, A S Seymour	50	00
,, P S Chakravarti	50	00
,, B C Ghose	10	00
Mrs E Satyanandam	10	00
Thro' Mr. Francis Pershad :		
Mr Francis Pershad	20	00
Rev Yusuf Singh	15	00
Mr R D B Paul	15	00
,, Paul Prem Chand	10	00
,, A Pervez	10	00
,, Alexander Sam Nathan	10	00
Mrs Roseline Raj	5	00
Mr K K Massey	5	00
,, P C Eric	5	00
,, E B Bhajjan	5	00
,, E Cornelius	5	00
,, H Y Massey	5	00
,, L V Singh	5	00
,, J V K Singh	5	00
Miss Sarla Lall	5	00
Mr Mehtab Singh	2	00
,, George D. Masih	1	00
	313	00

Bihar :

Miss Manickam Jannet, Jamshedpur	5	00
Mr D A Sighamony, ,,	210	00
	215	00

Orissa :

Treasurer, Eng. Baptist Church, Cuttack	47	00
Mr A C Misra, Jatni	10	00
,, P. K. Sahu, Cuttack	5	00
	62	00

Madhya Pradesh :

Shalini Wilson, Rajnandgaon	10	00
Mr P M Masih, Satna	10	00
	20	00

Kerala :

Thirumala Prayer Fellowship, TVM	100	00
Thro' Miss A Thomas, Calicut	41	00
March :	139	00
Thro' Mr C Thomas. Parasuvaikkal	100	00
Mrs Bai Yesudhas, Udyoga-mandal	20	00
Mr V M Ittyayerah, Kottyam	10	00
,, V Robinson Crusoe, Kaipattoor	20	00
,, N Gnana Prathapa Prasad	100	00
Mrs Kamala Bai J. Wilson	5	00
Rev. & Mrs. Otten, Calicut	50	00

Mr P P Philip, Tvm	21	00
,, C K John. Kottayam	15	00
,, S Lawrence, Tvm	10	00
,, Alexander Samuel, Quilon	10	00
Mrs Saramma James, Udyoga-mandal	10	00
	651	00

Karnataka :

Thro' Rev D Slans, Karkala Branch	119	25
Thro' Mrs George Williams, KGF	259	48
Thro' Mrs. Padma Shadrack, Kasarkod		
Mr A Maben	6	00
Mr V Aarons	3	00
,, D I Soans	1	00
Miss S Gojar	3	00
Mr H Roberts	1	50
,, F K Anchan	1	50
Mrs P D Shadrack	3	00
,, E Kalyana	1	50
,, G Manngthin	1	50
Mr D I Soans	3	50
,, V Aarons	1	50
Thro' Mr. S. R. Malekar, Dharwar :		
Mr S Jithuri	8	00
Miss Grace Malekar	5	00
Smt S S Devanue	4	00
D A Nicholas	1	00
Koner	5	00
Mr G A Ezra	2	00
Mr V S Eikos, Kumta	15	00
,, J S Rowland, Bangalore	20	00
Rev P J Thomas, Honavar	20	00
Rev Sam D George, Bangalore	12	00
Mrs Kamalamma Peter, Bangalore	25	00
Mr Paul Ponraj, KGF	10	00
CSI South Kanara & Coorg Area, Mangalore	910	95
	1443	68

Andhra Pradesh :

Thro' Mrs. F Baskararaj, Ammuguda Staff	17	00
Christ Church, Pastorate, Ramkote	50	00
Thro' Mrs Emid David, Christ Church, Ramkote	159	00
Mr J D Joan Thomas, Sec.	10	00
Pastor I Laben	3	00
Cormaty, E G Dist	15	00
Mr P D Asirvatham, Hyderabad	10	00
,, A G P Devasighamony, Sec.	25	00
Mrs L M Carey, Rajamundry	20	00
Mr N Gnanasighamony, Sec.	5	00
,, D Rajarathinam, Hyderabad	100	00
,, P O Asirvatham, Hyderabad	10	00
	424	00

Bombay :

Thro' Mr. J. P. Ashwal		
Wesley Mothodist Church, Bombay	39	00
Mr T W Menezes, Bombay-27	25	00
Mrs S Menezes,	10	00
Mr James Sumithra, Byculla	5	00
Mr & Mrs B David, Kolwada	10	00
Mr D B Karkada, ,,	12	00
Mr & Mrs E Benedict, Bombay	40	00
,, ,, A Amanna	10	00
Mr N D Soans, Byculla	10	00
Rev P J Kunder, Byculla	5	00
Mrs R Amanna, ,,	5	00
Miss I Satyavrata, ,,	12	00
Rev J B Satyavrata ,,	12	00
A friend	50	00
Mr C H Amanna, Kurla	15	00
Chembur collections	129	50
Mr S V Amanna, Bandra	20	00
,, A C Clare, Sakinaka	25	00
,, G Marks, Bombay-11	101	00
Bhandup	22	50
Ghatkoper	28	50
Marol	124	50
Andheri	15	00
Vikhroli	11	00
City	30	00
Mrs Margret Salis, Bombay	30	00
Mr R Satyavrata, ,,	30	00
Miss Achaman John	40	00
	867	00

North Tamil Area :

Ebenezer Aided School, Katpadi	18	00
Thro' Mr R Daniel. Salem	165	00
Thro' Miss Arthur, Salem	42	75
Mr N George Gnanasighamoni, Coonoor	25	00
Mrs Leelavathy Johnson, Ranipet	10	00
Dr Y Samuel Charles, Ranipet	20	00
Annie Daniel, Vellore	14	00
Mrs Prakasam, Coimbatore	15	00
Mr P Samuel Jayaseelan, Jayankondam	2	00
Mr S T Cross, Viswasathottam	2	00
Dr A Samuel, Jayankondam	21	00
M/s T Lawrence, Kockanoor	10	00
,, T Thomas William, ,,	10	00
,, T Inbaraj	10	00
,, P Kanagaratnam	2	00
,, J Dhanaraj	6	00
Mr A Isaac Newton	10	00
,, J Daniel. Salem	15	00
,, G J Rajasingh, Coimbatore	10	00
,, P V Mathew, Spring field	7	00
,, I Charles, Vellore	3	00
,, J Baggianathan, Erode	5	00
Miss P Srimala, Pondichery	14	00
Jessie Samuel, Katpadi	10	00
Mrs Gowri Ammal, Dharmapuri	2	00
Rev W Yesupatham, Vellore	10	00
	458	75

South Tamil Area :

Methodist Girls' High School, Trichy	73	45
Thro' Mr John Devaraj, Tiruvarur	64	50
Thro' Mrs Rosalind Herbert, Trichy	24	50
Thro' Mr D Paul Singaram, Trichy	20	00
Thro' Mr T Samuel, Thanjavur	80	00
Thro' Mrs G P Devasagayam, Nagercoil	80	00
,, Mr. P K Samuel, Nagai	51	50
Mr E Justin Abraham, K K	5	00
,, Titus, Winfred Trichi	30	00
Mrs Suganthy Sam Raj, K K	5	00
Dr P L Benjamin, Tirunelveli	10	00
Mr D J Paulraj, Virudhunagar	20	00
,, D Ebenken, Nagercoil	15	00
,, M Gnanapragasam, Tindivanam	5	00
,, S J Abraham, Kulithalai	10	00
Mrs Lily Abraham, ,,	2	00
Miss Kiruba Abraham	1	00
Master Jebakumar Abraham	1	00
Selvi Baulina Abraham	1	00
Mrs Ida Florence Balraj, Pudukottai	60	00
Mr B Ponniah, Sankarankoil	10	00
,, G H Clarence Cuddalore	10	00
,, T Thangapa, Kulathuvilai	5	00
Mrs Evangeline, Irenpuram	20	00
Mr. D. Krupanandam, Trichy	24	00
,, C J Antony, Pudukottai	3	00
Mr & Mrs CDS Sampth, Trichy	30	00
,, Gunasekaran, Pudupet	7	00
,, Dharmaraj	25	00
Rev D Elias	10	00
	702	95

Madras City :

St Lukes Church, Ms-4	40	00
Meenambakkam Pastorate	90	00
St Thomas Tamil Church, Madras-4	100	00
CSI Missionary Chapel, Ms-7	75	00
Zion Church, Ms	500	00
Thro' Mr. Ponraj Solomon, VBS Collections	28	15
Thro' Mr E Pitchaipillai	469	50
,, ,, Thomas Bauliah	60	00
,, ,, M D Selvaraj	137	00
,, Mrs Stella Moses	97	50
,, ,, Joy Pandian	36	00
,, Mr G Alfred Vetharaj	49	00
,, ,, J F Davaraj	66	00
,, ,, Jayaraj Isaac	62	00
,, Mrs Aruna Dorairaj	287	00
,, Mr D S Dharmaraj	425	50
,, ,, R Joseph	274	50
,, ,, S F Jayavelu	53	50
,, ,, S Owen	68	50
,, ,, S S Samuel	233	00
,, Mrs E Paul Gnahabharanam	253	50
Mr. Rajasingh	50	00
,, T E Joseph	2	00
,, P Henry	5	00
,, T Vincent	5	00
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,, NDT Manoharan	1	00
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,, S Jayapandian	10	00
,, A Balachandra Sam	10	00
,, C J Lawrence	10	00
,, D S Pandian	10	00
,, M Samuel	5	00
Mrs Nirmal Rajaratnam	25	00
Mr M Immanuel,	10	00
,, J. S. Kadirvelu	6	00
,, N M Duraisingh	5	00
,, Joshua Thangaraj	12	00
Dr & Mrs P D Lazarus	12	00
Mr & Mrs Theophilus	3	00
,, ,, Royappa	5	00
,, W Prakash	4	00
,, Benjamin	15	00
Mrs Florence	15	00
Mr S B Thambusamy	5	00
,, G J A Augustine	10	00
,, I J Edwin,	15	00
Rev A David	5	00
Mr S. Rajagopal	6	00
,, M J Kumar	5	00
,, J K Panithran	5	00
,, Ernest Kumar	10	00
,, Stephen	10	00
,, Jacobin	4	00
,, Elias Devasahayam	10	00
,, T John Victor	8	00
,, V D Collison	100	00
Dr Jayapaul Azariah	20	00
Mr D J Rawlinson	20	00
,, Allen Gabriel	25	00
,, Peter S C Collison	100	00
Mr Samuel Masillamani	24	00
,, Jayaraj Ratnam	10	00
,, D E Kanagaraj	6	00
,, E A Samuel	3	00
,, A G Vedasundararaj	40	00
Dr G S Davies	5	00
Mr & Mrs G Isaac Sathiaraj	10	00
Mrs L Dawson	12	00
Mr Paul Augustine	5	00
,, A Victor	5	00
Mr & Mrs Juline E Jesudhasan	15	00
Mr & Mrs Daniel	10	00
Dr & Mrs J E Nelson	10	00
Mr Y M D Dhanaraj	15	00
,, Charles V I Moses	10	00
Prof. Simon I S Pakkianathan	12	00
Mr L A Alex Samuel	5	00
,, D L D Ernest	10	00
Mrs P Rajaratnam	10	00
Mr T Sudharsanam Daniel	50	00
,, John Devasahayam	5	00
Miss Jeyarathinam	10	00

Thro' Dr David Livingstone, Madras 59		
Dr Bryon Underwood	10	00
Mr Emmanuel Sundarsingh	2	00
Dr I M Mathai	10	00
Mr Purushotham Samuel	15	00
,, Rajakumar	10	00
,, Julius Karunakaran	5	00
Dr David Livingstone	10	00
Thro' Mr M R Paramanandam		
Mr T Chelliah	6	00
,, M Jayaseelan	10	00
	4,349	65

Miscellaneous from friends :

Mr Paul M Alexander, USA	888	88
Anglican Church Malayalam congregation, Singapore	358	05
Mrs C T Thomas, Singapore	600	00
Dr Tilander Revingalam, Sweeden	200	00
Mr K E Mammen, Singapore	100	00
Mr P K Mammen, Singapore	100	00
Mr P O George, Singapore	100	00
	2 346	93

Field Receipts

Jawadhi Hills	683	53
Isapanthy Ashram	130	00
Muddebihal	61	05
Andamans	13	60
Mr Paul Singh	1	00
Almora	10	00
Rajasthan	1	00
Thro' Rev J M Jayasingh	104	75
Thro' Rev D Elias		
CSI Church, Ranipet	15	00
V R V Girls' High School, Ranipet	55	20
The Pupils of Goodlet High School, Sholinghur	28	50
CSI Girls' Boarding Home, Sholinghur	45	92
CSI Central Elementary School, Sholinghur	3	00
Mary Mecleam Middle School, Sholinghur	5	00
The Christian Boys' Hostel, Sholinghur	5	00
CSI Church, Kulathur	3	48
Mr Paul Wilson, Kulathur	10	00

Miss Backiavathi, Ranipet	15	00
Rev Peter Joseph, Arkonam	130	00
C A M Home, Arkonam	30	00
CSI Church, Arkonam	20	00
St Andrew's Boys' Hostel,	25	00
Mr Sundar Singh, Madurai	3	00
S B M Church, Valavanthi Kalli Hills	20	00
Mr A Mathew	5	00
N Joseph, Ms	100	00
Thro' Rev Edwin Sherring		
Mr J Rasaily	25	00
Rev & Mrs Edwin Sherring	10	00
Mr & Mrs D V Hoffman	10	00
Mrs M Kamble	30	00
Mr and Mrs Benjamin M Masih	8	00
Mr & Mrs H H Singh	6	00
,, ,, Hamilton Sherring	4	00
,, ,, Hardwin Spencer	4	00
,, ,, Yaqub Masih	4	00
Miss Sharily Chawhan	2	00
Master Benjamin Y Masih	2	00
Mr & Mrs C M Khaka	2	00
Mrs M Khan	1	00
Prayer Meetings	9	00
C F N Jiron Daimiary	10	00
Mr & Mrs Marqus B Lal	2	00
,, ,, Job, C M	2	00
Master B Yaqub Masih	2	00
	1,657	03

Special Receipts :

Jawadhi Hills :

St Paul's Church, Ms-7	250	00
Mr & Mrs M C Amanna, Udupi	100	00
	350	00
Bombay Area Committee for Muddebihal worker	603	40
Thro' Mr J Mohan Doss, Bombay for Andaman work	2,000	00
Thro' Dr K Kurien, Dindigul for Bihar work	300	00

Birth Day Gifts :

Miss Mary Kanagaratnam, Kockanoor	5	00
Mr Paul Singh, M P	5	00
Mr A O Vincent, Punalur	10	00
Mrs Maggie Shelton, Trichi	5	00
Miss Roseline Devaranjitham Madras	5	00
Mr S V Thondaiman, Pudupet	10	00
Mrs Barnabas Samuel, Ms	5	00
Mrs Grace Emimah, Tuticorin	3	00
Dr Y Samuel Charles, Ranipet	5	00
Mr O Prakash Ashwal, Bombay	3	00
Mrs Alice J Ashwal, ,,	5	00
Mrs Tara Paul Singh, Salamatpura	4	00
Kumari Vanitha Rajasekaran, Madras	5	00
Mr Chinnasamy, Madurai-2	5	00
	75	00

Life Membership Fee :

Mr Amirtharaj Jayaveeran Frederick Mony, Ms thro' Mr G Isaac Sathiaraj, Ms	100	00
Mr D Francis Thirumarai Suriya, Ms-14 (4th instal)	25	00
	125	00

Tribal Students Scholarship :

Mr A Sobnam, Munnar	220	00
Mrs H Jacob, Munnar	10	00
	230	00
Rev J A Balasingh, Kulathur for Theological education	10	00

Madras City Prayer Meeting collections :

Thro' Mr James Victor, Ms-7	15	93
Thro' Mr G S Dawson, Ms-84	49	50
	65	43

Others :

Miss M Devaraj, Madurai	800	00
Ratnasamy, Madurai	200	00
towards permanent articles	1000	00
Mr M C Cherian, Thirumala for purchasing New Testaments	100	00
Mrs Aruna Dorairaj, Madras for VBS function at Jawadhi	50	00
Dr Y Patrick Yesudian, Ms towards the support of a doctor in Jawadhi	100	00

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MADRAS NATIONAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY ANNUAL SALE—1976

The Annual Sale of the Madras City of the N.M.S., Madras City Area Committee and the Ladies Auxiliary, **will be held on SATURDAY, the 14th August, 1976.**

From 9 A.M. to 7 P.M.,

At

BALAR KALVI NILAYAM, Ritherton Road, Madras-7.

The Rt. Rev. SUNDAR CLARKE, Bishop in Madras

And

Mrs. C. CLARKE

will be the Chief Guests on that occasion

Friends are requested to pray and participate in the sale by their generous support and presence.

Announcement

Recently, quite a large number of birth-day greetings are returning to the office with the remark "LEFT". So, the recipients of birth-day cards and the National Missionary Intelligencer/ Deepigai are kindly requested to intimate their change of address, if any, to the Editor.

Editor

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PRAYER

AIMIGHTY GOD, who hast manifested thy Son Jesus Christ to be a light to mankind: Grant that we thy people, being nourished by thy word and sacraments, may be strengthened to show forth to all men the unsearchable riches of Christ, so that he may be known, adored and obeyed, to the ends of the earth; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end AMEN.

Obedience to the Holy Spirit Breaks the Barriers

"How could I possibly stand in God's way"
(Acts 11:17)

This is the question put by St. Peter to the Judaisers who asked him to explain why he visited Gentiles and shared the table with them. This act of Jerusalem Jewish Christians was against our Lord's command that "they should be witnesses in Jerusalem, all over Judaea, in Samaria and away to the ends of the world." (Act 1:8). When the disciples received the Holy Spirit, they were witnessing in Jerusalem and the Church grew. The Jewish Christians wanted this new movement to be a sect of Judaism. So, the Holy Spirit had to break the local, national, racial barriers to the Gospel to make it universal. To that aim He had to direct the Church. He did so in the following ways:—

1. **Breaking of the local limitation**: At first the Church was confined to Jerusalem. It did not move even to the districts of Judaea. So, by persecution. the Christians were scattered to the Districts of Judaea and "those who had been scattered went through the country preaching the Gospel." By this act, the Holy Spirit made the Church to break first the local limitation.

2. **Breaking of the racial and national barriers**: As a result of the persecution, Helenist Christians were scattered into Samaria. Philip was directed to go to Samaria to preach the Gospel. By this, the Churches were found in Samaria. The

Jerusalem Church could not but be concerned about it. So, they sent Peter and John to study and report. They went and saw that the Samaritans were baptized but did not receive the Holy Spirit, which was the criterion for God's approval of accepting them equal to the Jewish Christians. So, the Church had to accept the Samaritan Christians into its fellowship. Thus, the racial barrier and national barrier were broken.

3. **Extension to the ends of the World :** Peter was prepared by a vision to go to the Gentiles by the invitation of Cornelius. When he went there and presented the Gospel, Peter said that "God has no favourites, but that in every nation, the man who is God-fearing and does what is right, is acceptable to Him." While Peter was still preaching, the Holy Spirit came upon all who were listening to the word of God. So, he could not but receive them by baptism in the name of Lord Jesus Christ. By this, the national barrier was broken. So, the Gospel has become Universal.

As we study through the Book of Acts, the early Church, though had Judaisers, who opposed to the admission of non-Jewish people into the Church, the Holy Spirit worked through those who were obedient to Him to break the barriers of locality, race and nationality to be Universal Gospel.

Are we the instrments of the Holy Spirit by our obedience to Him ? Is our Church obedient to the Holy Spirit to be the worthy instrument of the Universal Gospel ?

NEWS ABOUT PURI

Friends,

Those, who read the sad news about Puri in the last issue would be very anxious to know and to hear about the present situation there. We had many enquiries. We thank the friends for their concern and prayers. As said in the report, the General Secretary visited Puri on the 19th and 20th of June. As he was travelling he was having much burden about the poor Puri people and was puzzled as to what to say to them and how to make them to be steadfast in their faith. But, when he arrived, in spite of the fact that there was total destruction of their very dwelling place, from their huts to pucca buildings and were forced to evacuate, they were very courageous and cheerful, which had really made the General Secretary to admire them and to thank God for their unaffected faith even in the trial. The Bishop of Cuttack was also with them soon after the incident and experienced the same thing.

It was reported that on 8th June, 1976, a few hour's warning was given to the people in fishermen colony to vacate that place. After the given time, the Government and the Municipal forces, began to demolish the huts, even by setting fire to some of them. So, all the huts were demolished and torn down. Pucca buildings, except Mr. Koteswara Rao's house, which was handed over to the Government, when they came to demolish last year was left in tact, were broken. Even roof materials were not allowed to be removed. So, very quick and sudden was the action that the people could not even save their roof materials. Mr. John Apparao's house was broken and the roof materials consisting of asbestas sheets were all destroyed completely. When the Bishop of Cuttack was there, he arranged for them a temporary dwelling in a private land of a fish merchant, where they erected their tents out of their sails of cattamarams and boats and lived there. The Bishop was surprised to see their wonderful courage and faith. He worshipped with them under this tent.

Scene of Destruction

After representation to the Government, these poor people were asked to erect temporary sheds about 100 yds. east of the present colony limits along the sea-shore. It is really shocking to see the men, women and children carrying on the roofing materials remaining out of the demolished huts and houses on their heads, and shoulders along the waves of the sea to the new spot where they were asked to erect only temporary sheds. They were told not to erect any permanent structure by way of building. It was said that on representation to the Central and the Orissa Governments that they would be allowed to stay there for a year in the temporary spot and later they would be allowed

Carrying on head & shoulders the remnants

to move still farther about 3 miles away from the present place in the forest area, to have a colony for them.

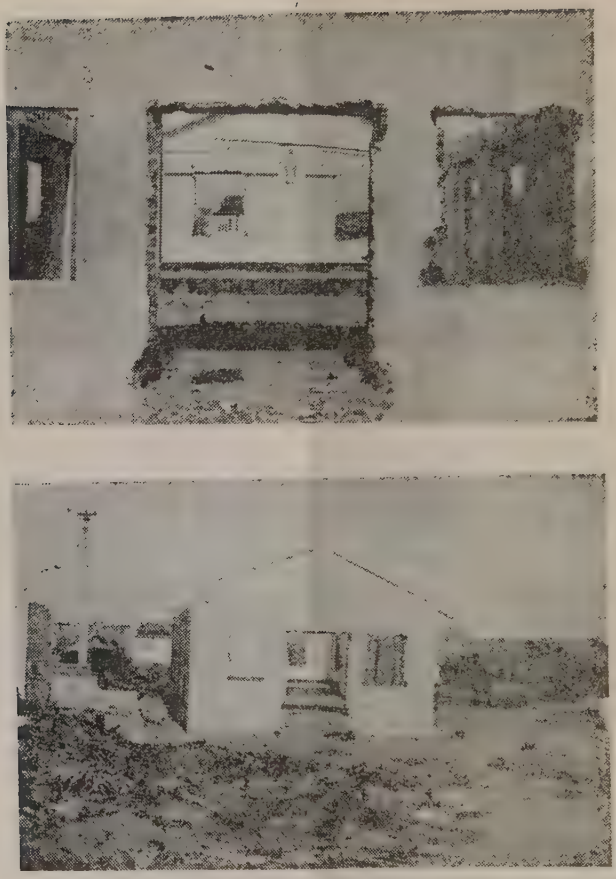
When the Government team came to destroy the school-cum-church building, Mr. G. Rosiah, our worker and our teachers working in our school made representation to the Collector, who said that he could not do anything but asked them to remove the doors, windows and the roofing materials. So, now the walls alone stand as a witness to the eviction and demolition of the whole colony of the poor fishermen. General Secretary and the workers have decided to erect a temporary shed for the school-cum-church in the temporarily allotted spot; for, N.M.S. believes that God lives among the people and so, N.M.S. work moves with the people. This act of the Government goes a long way to cause much loss and *agony* to the poor people, and it had also affected their lucrative business. We have to remember these brothren in our prayer who withstand the trials with

Temporary Construction

courage and stand firm in the faith. A representation has been made by Mr. John Appa Rao and the leaders of the Fishermen Community to the Central and State Governments and they are waiting for a permanent settlement.

Friends are requested to pray for these people. It may be a blessing in disguise that the Gospel may spread more quickly than it has been done to-day. It is a growing church and we hope it will grow much faster.

Library-Building : During his visit the General Secretary saw that the library building had been put in good repairs with reinforced concrete roof and electrified. He met the Bishop of Cuttack and discussed about the opening of the library and running the same. The Bishop has agreed to find a proper person to be in charge of the library and to have the local supervision



Our chapel as it stands to-day
without roof, door & windows

of the library. It will be a joint effort of the Diocese and the Society. The librarian has to live in the Isabandhi Ashram. The library will be dedicated and opened during the second week of September, 1976. So, we need for the library a librarian, who would be paid Rs. 215/- p.m. and also a caretaker for the Ashram and library on a monthly remuneration of Rs. 150/-.

Books: This is a pilgrim centre and many people visit every month. It is necessary that we equip our library with books of different languages.

Equipments : We need pieces of furniture, such as benches, chairs, almirah, etc. One cycle for the librarian is also needed. So, the cost of these equipments will come to Rs. 1,500/- As we have already published, it is a very important work in a very important Hindu pilgrim centre and we had conversions also there. So, friends are requested to remember in their prayers and extend their very kind financial help for the support of this work, which is a very worthy cause.

General Secretary

Information about our Centres & Request for Prayers

Nepal : The work was started by the Late Komelini Sircar which was continued without break and a congregation of Nepalese was established and trained to be a Nepali Church self-managed and self-propagating. Our present workers, Mrs. & Mr. V. T. Abraham have been working faithfully in building the congregation and the Executive Committee felt that we should move to an unreached place. We are in search of an unreached place either at Hetauda area or at Nepalganj, in the western part of Nepal. Mr. Lal Bahadur, one of our converts, confirmed in his faith, is doing honorary evangelistic work among his own people. He has accepted to be our voluntary worker with a monthly honorarium of Rs. 150/- for his travel expenses and continue the work in and around Butwal.

(The annual cost for running this centre comes to Rs. 5000/-)

Prayers are requested (1) that God may guide us to find a new unreached place, (2) that God may bless the work of evengelism iu the new unreached place to win people for him; and (3) for Mr. Lal Bahadur for his eagerness to preach the Gospel and to guide and bless him in his new work.

2. **Bageshwar-U.P.** Mr. Bachi Singh, our worker, carries on the work. This is a hard ground for the Gospel. The Hindus, though friendly with the evangelist and hear the Gospel, are reluctant to accept our Lord as their Saviour. It is a pilgrim centre.

(The annual cost for this centre is Rs. 3000/-)

Members are requested to pray for the people of that place and also for Mr. Bachi Singh not to get discouraged by the fruitless labour.

3. **Dhanbad-Bihar :** This is the recent one. The non-Christian people hear the Gospel; contacts have been made with the children, through Sunday schools. The evangelist's house

was once burgled and he lost his cycle also once. He has resigned on his own personal reasons. We need a good and committed evangelist for the centre. Soon a worker will be posted there.

(The annual cost comes to Rs. 4200/-)

An young man from Government service, by name Mr. Vino Dattey has offered his services. The Jabalpur branch had interviewed. He will be appointed during this month. **Please remember the field and the worker.**

West Bengal-Malligachi: Mr. P. R. Gupta had to carry on the work in the isolated place among un-friendly people. But, he won Muslims for Christ. Because of lack of fellowship, he has resigned. The Area Committee was asked to select a suitable worker for the centre.

Please pray for the West Bengal Area Committee to continue the work as well as to select a good worker for the Centre.

(The annual cost comes to Rs. 2800-/)

Manipur: The work is carried on by our honorary workers Mrs. & Mr. Paul. **Prayers are needed for them.**

Orissa-Puri: The last issue and this issue contain information regarding the affairs in Puri.

Please pray that the Puri Christian fishermen may be given permanent place to settle down. Thank God for their unfailing faith and pray that God may give grace and wisdom to our workers.

Also pray for the library and the librarian to be appointed for the work. Pray that God may give enough resources to keep the library.

(The annual cost for the centre and for the maintenance of the library comes to Rs. 18,000/-)

Dabra-M.P.: Rev. Sherring carries on the work very faithfully by taking the Gospel to the Hindus within a radious of 25 miles by travelling on his cycle. His work is much appreciated among the Christians. He contacts during his tour, Christian people who live in stray and scattered areas without contact with the churches and brings them in to the fellowship of the Church in that area.

(The annual cost of maintaining this centre comes to Rs. 4000/-) Pray for him and his work.

Rajasthan-Ajmer: Our centre now is shifted to Kota. As Rev. S.C.P. Tyagi, our missionary, has refused to move to that

centre, he is relieved with effect from July 1st 1976.

Please pray that God may grant us a new committed worker for the field and Rev. Tyagi may be guided to be a good servant of God.

(The annual cost of maintaining this centre comes to Rs. 5500/-)

Jawar-Maharashtra : We work among the Adivasis. This work is carried on by *volunteers* from Bombay. The expenses are met by the Bombay Area Committee. We are in search of a good Marathi worker. When one is selected, he will be appointed soon.

Members are requested to pray for this.

Karnataka-Muddhebihal: Our evangelist, Mr. Franklin Bhasme, travels from village to village, around Muddhebihal, contacts teachers, and children and has dialogues with Hindus and Muslims. Though this is a recent centre, in one village we have 30 converts, who were handed over to the church in Bijapur.

Friends are requested to pray that God may grant us help with funds and make His ministry fruitful.

(Total cost comes to Rs. 3800/-)

Tamil Nadu-Jawadhi Hills: This project is supported by St. John's Church, Fort, Vellore, Bangalore friends, Trivandrum branch and Kanyakumari Diocese Hill Missionary Tribe Prayer Band, the Nagercoil Home Church and St. Pauls Church, Vepery, Madras. We work here in 7 centres. Recently, there had been disturbances to our workers by loss of property in their absence, by the local people, who do not want their community should be changed. A dispensary is built and a chapel is being built. Two tribal converts and one worker are studying in the Theological Institute. The Roman Catholics have opened their work in a centre where we were working. The medical work has to be developed. The present workers are not sufficient and so three more will be appointed for medical work. We need Rs. 25,000.

Friends are requested to pray that the labour may be rewarded with the incoming of more people into the church. Also pray for the workers.

(Total cost amounts to Rs. 34,000/-)

Andamans: One of our new centres is Andamans, where Rev. Wilson & Mrs. Wilson, are our Missionaries and the work

is progressing. Our station is Diglipur, a remote place, where the evangelist could not have a confortable house. Yet, courageously the work is carried on by our worker. Three baptisms have taken place and the evangelist's house has become the centre of worship. Recently, by a fall, the missionary has sprained his leg and was under treatment.

He needs scriptural literature in different languages. The Scripture Gift Mission has helped us with the literature and also the A.E.L.C. has sent some more literature for which we are thankful to both of them.

Please pray for the missionary that God be with him in his loneliness and also to get a good house.

(The cost of this centre comes to Rs. 6500/-)

Uppada-Andhra : Our convert Mr. Chinnah carries on the work independently. Pray for him also.

We are happy that this issue comes out as a SPECIAL ISSUE of the Area Committees in general and the Madras City Area Committee, in particular. In 1973, the Executive Committee resolved to form the Area Committee in every City.

Now, the existing Area Committees are :—

1. Madras City Area Committee.
2. U. P. „ „
3. W. B. „ „
4. Delhi „ „
5. S. T. N. „ „
6. N. T. N. „ „

Recently Dharmapuri and Salem Districts in North Tamil Area Committee have established branches and formed themselves into an Area Committee. There is the South Tamil Nadu Area Committee. In its recent meeting at Nazareth, it was decided to establish Area Committee district wise as the area is too wide. So, there are efforts to form Area Committees in different districts in the South Tamil Nadu.

In Kerala also efforts are being made to form Area Committees as North, Central and South.

We are grateful to God for His guidance for the growth in the life and work of the Society. We are also thankful to all the friends and supporters for their unceasing prayers and co-operation and support.

We are specially thankful to the Madras City Area Committee under the able leadership of Mr. M. D. Selvaraj, Mr. V.G. Williams, Mr. Thomas Bauliah and other Vice-Presidents. They are developing this as a spiritual fellowship to pray for the extension of our Lord's kingdom and to do what all they could to help that cause. It is a model Area Committee for all the City Area Committees. Mr. P. C. Arumainayagam, the developing Secretary works very sincerely for developing the Area Committee. Mr. G. Solomon our veteran hony. worker still goes on with undiminishing interest and energy. They have risen to our expectation every year. In the last 10 years the annual income has risen from Rs. 8,000 to Rs. 45,000. This shows the untiring efforts of every member of the City Area Committee and their co-operative act. So, on behalf of the National Missionary Society of India, I thank them with a grateful heart. We hope and trust that they would carry on with the same spirit and co-operation in the current year also.

N.B. The names of the officers of the different Area Committees were published as and when they were reported.

Message from the President of Madras City Area Committee

Dear Members and Friends,

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We used to have the Annual Sale from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Last year, as an experimental measure, we had a full day celebration with great success. This year's Annual Sale will also be a full day celebration from 9.30 a.m. to 7 p.m. It will be held on **Saturday, the 14th August 1976 at Balar Kalvi Nilayam, Vepery, Madras-7.** I appeal to all the members to contribute their mite in kind or cash and extend their full co-operation to make the sale a grand success.

I had an opportunity to visit some of the centres in Jawadhi Hills recently. The progress and achievements of the centres are really commendable. There are only 7 centres covering a part of the hill. There is every scope for the expansion of the work so as to cover the whole of Jawadhi Hills by opening more centres. More workers are needed and prayer and support from more members, are therefore, desired. St. Paul's Church, Vepery is supporting a worker Mr. Jayaraj Samuel in Alleri It is encouraging to note that the Madras City Area Committee from its very inception in 1958 has slowly and steadily increased in its

activities and strength to be one of the firm major supporters of the N.M.S. Though, there are more than a lakh of Christians in the City of Madras, only about 1,300 have become members of the Society, so far.

On behalf of the Area Committee, I appeal to every Christian in the City to be a participant in the National Missionary Society by his or her prayer and contribution.

Let our motto to be 'EACH ONE REACH ONE'

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,
M. D. Selvaraj,
President

Report from the Secretary of the Madras City Area Committee

We are g r a t e f u l to our L o r d for forming the Area Committee as a participant in His vision of winning souls. We are reporting the following :—

Area Committee :

The Area Committee has 24 branches with about 1,300 members with conveners in each branch. They are really the backone of the City Area Committee. They convene prayer meetings and collect or arrange to collect subscribtion in their respective areas. The Area Committee consists of 30 members including the conveners of each branch. The committee meets regularly every month on 2nd Thursday to pray for the Missionary work and plan the activities of the Area Committee.

Sunday Schools :

Apart from its regular activities, the Area Committee conducts Sunday Schools for the Hindu children in some of the areas and the convenors of these areas are responsible for the Sunday Schools in their areas. These Sunday Schools are run with the object of preparing the young minds to accept Christ in future and also as an Evangelistic effort for the adults in that area. During Christmas, the Committee arranges for special functions in which children sing songs, recite Bible verses and enact dramas. Gifts are given to them, at that time.

Sale:

The Committee conducted the Annual Sale on 15th August 1975. The Ladies Auxiliary took part in the Sale. Dr. & Mrs. S. S. Lawrence of Parry & Co. were the chief guests. Rev. Henry Joseph of Maranatha Full Gospel Church gave an inspiring message. We are grateful to all the friends who contributed liberally in cash and kind for the Sale.

Prayer week & one day retreat:

The N.M.S. week of prayer was observed during the second week of October 1975. This was followed by one day retreat from 10.30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the 26th October 1975, at St. Paul's High School, Vepery. Mr. Micheal Selvaraj, Principal of St. Paul's High School conducted the devotion. Messages were given by Miss M R. Damon and Rev. T. J. David. Miss E. L. Joshua and Rev. K. G. S. Dorairaj spoke about the N.M.S. and its field of work. Intercession and prayers were conducted by Mr. David Balasundaram and Mr. J. Colton Samuel.

Annual Get together:

The Committee arranged for the Annual Get together of the friends and supporters of the N.M.S. on the 26th January 1976 at Benticks Girls' High School compound. More than 500 members attended the function. Our chief guests for the function were Mrs. & Rev. Alexander D. John, General Secretary, Christian Literary Society, Madras. The membership campaign was inaugurated by Mr. G. Solomon. We are able to add 200 new members.

On behalf of the Madras City Area Committee, I thank God first for His guidance and blessings during this year. I also thank every member of the Committee, the General Secretary and staff of the Head Office, for the effort to get the N.M.S. active in fulfilling the missionary interest of the Society.

V. G. Williams,
(*Hony. Secretary*).

TREASURER'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

The Madras City Area Committee was requested to raise the amount of Rs. 40,000/- for the year 1975—76. By the grace of

God and by the co-operation of all the members and friends, we are able to collect Rs. 45,121.93/-. On behalf of the Madras City Area Committee, I thank all the members and friends who liberally contributed for this good cause.

This year 1976—77, the budgeted amount is Rs. 45,000/-. We are confident that with your co-operation, we will be able to cross this amount. The details of the amount collected for the year 1975—76 are given in the Appendix I.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,
G. Thomas Bauliah,
Treasurer
Madras City Area Committee.

OBJECT OF SALE

Having understood the urgent need for evangelisation of our country and appreciating the National Missionary Society's object the Christian women of Lahore, first conducted a FETE in support of the National Missionary Society and its activities.

As early as in 1916, the Christian Ladies in Madras had a SALE under the Presidentship of Her Excellency Lady Pentland. From that time onwards until 1966, the Ladies of Madras, who were interested in the N.M.S. andits activities, were conducting ANNUAL SALE. The old veterans have either moved to other places, or become too old to be active, or they had their home-call. So, the Ladies' interest had become diminished and the Men's wing of the N.M,S. took it as a combined effort of Madras City Area Committee and Ladies Auxiliary and continued conducting the SALE.

Usually, the people think that S A L E means a money collecting effort. But, as we look at it and study the origin and its growth, it is not the money that was foremost in the mind of the organisers, but it was THE BURDEN FOR MILLIONS OF FELLOW COUNTRY MEN AND WOMEN, who have not heard the Gospel. That is the thing which made them to take up the responsibility to send messengers of God to the various unreached places.

Secondly, to create on the fellow Christian population in the Madras City a concern for the unreached people and to make them pray for the MILLIONS, who have not had the opportunity to hear the Gospel.

The above two were the main objects to organise the SALE. The SALE proceeds have been used for THAT PURPOSE ONLY.

Now, we have Missionaries and evangelists in 13 centres in different States and Union Territories. But, there are States, which are still untouched by N.M.S. Missionaries, viz., Kashmir, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab and Gujarat. This need is according to the present plan. But, we need to put a second worker in every station to carry on the work more effectively. So, we need men and women, as well as finance to support them. For this purpose, the N.M.S. conducts the ANNUAL SALE.

So, members are requested to pray for the SALE and also continue to pray for winning souls for our Master. Our Lord says "SHOULD I NOT BE CONCERNED FOR THIS GREAT COUNTRY, WHICH HAS HUNDREDS, THOUSANDS AND MILLIONS, WHO DO NOT KNOW ME."

WHO WILL GO FOR ME?

WHAT IS OUR ANSWER?

PRAY!!! PARTICIPATE!!! PROPAGATE!!!

Income and expenditure for the

Income		Amount	
Areas:		**Rs.**	**P.**
1.	Andhra Pradesh	3,436	86
2.	Assam	892	02
3.	Bengal	2,670	00
4.	Bihar	355	25
5.	Delhi	3,896	40
6.	Gujarat	135	00
7.	Jammu & Kashmir	150	85
8.	Karnataka	8,843	37
9.	Kerala	9,656	71
10.	Madras City	45,121	93
11.	Madhya Pradesh	3,009	12
12.	Maharashtra	6,487	96
13.	Orissa	1,395	63
14.	Punjab	—	
15.	Rajasthan	1,339	31
16.	Tamil Nadu (North)	10,115	22
17.	Tamil Nadu (South)	24 291	66
18.	Uttar Pradesh	7,089	42
General:			
19.	Birth Day Gifts	1,336	00
20.	Field Receipts	4,915	10
21.	Friends special	3,943	10
22.	Interest	9,258	05
23.	Miscellaneous (Rent, telephone coll. etc.)	4,677	22
Project support:			
24.	Andamans	5,251	00
25.	Bihar	3,900	00
26.	Kanyakumari Prayer Band	18,257	59
27.	Thana & Mubdebihal	3,963	50
	Total Rs.	1,84,388	27

year ended 31—3—1976

Expenditure	Amount	
Salary & allowances :	**Rs.**	**P.**
1. Salary	74,233	63
2. Emergency allowance	9,459	84
3. Travelling allowance	11,760	62
4. Contingencies	5,689	73
5. House Rent	5,303	28
6. Wife unemployment allowance	4,245	00
7. Children Educational	1,290	00
8. Hill allowance	1,530	00
9. Servant allowance of Butwal and Puri workers	165	00
10. Special allowances according to stations	3,750	00
11. Dearness allowances to 2 workers	695	00
12. Organising Secretaries' allowances	1,700	00
13. Clerical robe allowance	600	00
14. Provident Fund	3,557	97
General :		
15. Medicines	1,777	62
16. Constructions	6,596	83
17. Office Maintenancc & repairs	5,762	08
Others :		
18. Hon. Asso. General Secretaries	244	00
19. Literature (NMI & Deep.)	14,396	71
20. All India General (Audit fees, affiliation fees, NMS Sunday, Leave travel, Taxes, Charity, Legal expenses, Bank Charges, etc.)	11,257	94
21. Area Committees	5,832	42
22. Gospel Team & Deputation	3,582	08
23. Committees & Conferences	4,556	84
24. Special expenditure (Cycles, special aids, medical aids, gifts, etc.)	5,316	94
Total Rs.	1,83,303	53

An Example to be Followed.

Mr. Isaac Sathyaraj loves the Missionary task and tries to help the Missionary Societies by his regular monthly contribution as well as by making all his family members as Life Members of the Society, so that they will also be encouraged to have the missionary vision and interest.

When his first daughter Felicita was married, he made his son-in-law, Capt. Joseph Rajakumar Titus to be the Life Member of the Society on the Wedding Day and when he got his grandson, he made him as a Life Member.

Now, when his second daughter, Anjela was married to Mr. Amirtharaj Jayaveeran Frederick Mony, he was also made as a Life Member. As a matter of thanks-giving, this family makes every member as the Life Member of the Society. May God bless them for their continued interest in our Lord's work and their desire to support the Society. May God bless all the family members.

A life member makes his first child as a life member

Mr. D. Paul Sudhanthira Kanthan became a Life Member and that when his son was baptised as Raja Rajan Paul on 18-7-1976, he was also made as a Life Member.

If our friends and supporters can follow these examples, it will help the Society's financial position to be steady, and also the members of the family will become participants in the Gospel work as the N. M. S. interpret Life Membership as a life-long committal of the Member.

ANNOUNCEMENT

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National Missionary Society
Annual Sale—1976

The Annual Sale of the Madras City of the N.M.S. Madras City Area Committee and the Ladies Auxiliary,

will be held on SATURDAY, the 14th August, 1976

From 9 A.M to 7 P M.

At

BALAR KALVI NILAYAM,

Ritherdon Road, Madras-7

The Rt. Rev. SUNDAR CLARKE, Bishop in Madras

and

Mrs. C. CLARKE

will be the Chief Guests on that occasion

Friends are requested to participate in the sale by their generous support and presence.

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"Lo! I am with you alway".

K. T. PAUL

24—3—1876 11—4—1931

Birthday Centenary

PRAYER

O God, the Creator and Father of all mankind, who by the Holy Spirit hast made a diversity of peoples one in the confession of thy name : Lead them, we beseech thee, by the same Spirit to display to the whole earth one mind in belief and one passion for righteousness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MEDITATION

John 17 : 20 and 21.

"That they all may be one : as thou, Father, art in me and I in thee that they also may be one in us .... that they may be one, even as we are one"

These are the words with which our Lord prayed not only for His disciples but also for those who through their words put their faith in Him. So, this is a continuous prayer of our Lord to the end of the Ages. In this prayer, our Lord pleads to the Father that His followers, not only the apostles but also the present followers, be united. So, the unity among the Christians is essential. This unity is the unity of personal relationship born out of love and obedience to God. This union we can see in the union between Jesus and God. Unity is a necessity for :—

1. Unity helps others to believe :- Unity among Christians helps others to believe in Lord Jesus. Lord Jesus Christ came into this world to save the world. This mission is fulfilled by this unity. By observing and experiencing the unity among the Christians, people are led to believe in Christ Jesus as the reconciler of the estranged world with God.

2. Unity leads people to knowledge of Christ and His mission :— By unity the world is led to believe that Jesus was the Saviour of mankind. Timothy says "Lord Jesus came into this world to save sinners". Jesus, when he lived on this earth, He was among the sinners and he himself declare that "It is not the healthy that need a doctor, but the sick." So, the very mission of the saving the sin-affected world is to be made known through this unity among the Christians.

3. **Unity reveals God's glory.** St. John says that "He (Jesus) came to dwell in us and we saw His glory". In the Revelation, he says "Now at last God has his dwelling among men: He will dwell among them and they shall be his people, and God himself will be with them." So, unity helps the people to know God, who lives among the people who are united by love towards God and man.

As early as 1905, God sowed the seed of unity in the formation of the N.M.S. and it grew to be the Church of South India and Church of North India. Now, there is a dialogue between the Churches to be the Church of Christ in India. So, our love to God must lead us to unity based on love and obedience to His words.

Life Sketch of Late K. T. Paul

We are happy to hear that the Christian Community of Salem is celebrating the Birth-Day Centenary of late Mr. K. T. Paul on 28th August 1976 in Salem, under the Presidentship of the Rt. Rev. J. Thangamuthu, Bishop in Coimbatore. Late Mr. K. T. Paul was one of the founders of the National Missionary Society of India and helped the Society in various capacities. We join with them in the celebration and in commemoration of the services of this great man, we give a brief account of his life and his connection with the Society :—

Kanakarayan Tiruselvam Paul

K. T. Paul was born at Salem on March 24, 1876 and was educated at Salem and Madras. At the Madras Christian College, where he had V. S. Azariah (later Bishop) as a fellow-student and from where he graduated in 1894, he came under the influence of its saintly Principal Dr. Wm. Miller who had a large share in turning the thoughts of the young ambitious Paul towards Christian Service. After a period of service in Government and in certain Christian School he became a Tutor in his old College and entered into a new world of Christian thought and activity in the inspiring company of L. P. Larsen, A. C. Hogg and G. S. Eddy. Paul and Azariah who had much in common were fired with a zeal for evangelism and it was a vision for the Church in India which they shared that led to the formation of the N.M.S. in 1905. He was the Hony. Treasurer of the Society in 1905, its Organising Secretary in 1906, and Joint Secretary with V. S. Azariah in 1907. In order to accept the

latter position he had to resign his job in the College which had provided him with a secure means of livelihood for himself and his family. But he made the sacrifice with an easy heart. He was General Secretary of the Society 1909—1914 and Hony. General Secretary 1914—1917. During the ten years beginning from 1906 he travelled far and wide in India & Ceylon carrying the message of the N.M.S. and by every section of Indian Christians he was welcomed as the harbinger of a new day for the Indian Church. His diary and the periodical reports of those years published in the Intelligencer are a testimony alike to his love for the N.M.S. His enthusiasm for the N.M.S. was contagious and by the time he joined the Y.M.C.A. (1913) that Society which was a child of many prayers had become a favourite with Indian Christians in most parts of the country. Surely K. T. Paul laid the foundation truly and well.

K. T. Paul's service to the Indian Christian Community and the Indian Church also deserve grateful recognition. He was an ardent, though not a blind, nationalist and when communalism was the fashion of the day he stood boldly for joint electorates for Indian Christians, notably in the First Round Table Conference in 1930. He believed in and worked for Church Union in South India, co-operation in Christian work between Indians and Westerners on a basis of equality, and indiginous expression of the Christian spirit in worship and in evangelism. By his life and example he enhanced the self-respect of Indians and their prestige abroad. Truly he was a born leader of men and a prophet and statesman of rare gifts. K. T. Paul was elected the first lay Moderator of the South Indian Church in 1924, his own Church in some of the departments of which he has left the stamp of his personality.

In Dr. John Mott's opinion 'K. T. Paul was able to accomplish more to bring to bear the principles and Spirit of Christ upon international affairs than has any other Indian, or any other Asiatic of his day'. What a glorious record !

Taken from "The Founders of the National Missionary Society of India".

Executive Committee Meeting held on 1st and 2 June, 1976, at Trivandrnm, Kerala.

We are grateful to God and thankful to the friends and members of the Branch of the N.M.S., at Trivandrum for inviting the Executive Committee of the Society to be held on the 1st and 2nd June, 1976. Though they expected the full attend-

ance of the members, only 50 per cent attended and the others could not attend because of various engagements. As the President of our Society, Bishop R. D. Joshi, was in America in connection with his church engagements and the other Vice-Presidents also could not attend the meetings, on various reasons, the Committee had to elect the Rev. Dr. A. N. Gopal, as the President of the meeting. The arrangements were good and the food arrangement was splendid and homely because of the whole hearted involvement of the lady members of the branch.

Hoisting of the flag of the National Missionary Society of India by the Rt. Rev. I. Jesudasan, patron of the Trivandrum Branch of the Society and Bishop in South Kerela, during the Executive Committee Meeting held on 1st and 2nd June, 1976.

On the 1st June morning, we had devotion conducted by the Rt. Rev. I. Jesudason, the patron of the branch and Bishop in South Kerela. Following that he hoisted the N.M.S. Flag. Welcome to the members of the Committee was given by Mr. K. George, the local organising committee convener. His Grace The Most Rev. Dr. Juhanon Mar Thoma, Metropolitan of the Marthoma Church, was present and inaugurated with his inaugural address to the Committee. Then, it was followed by the business sessions—From 10 A M. to 1 P.M. The Intercessory prayer was conducted by the Rev. Jacob Jayaseelan. In the afternoon the second session

started at 2.30 P.M. and ended at 4.15 P.M. with prayer by Mr. A. H. Khan of U.P. the Area Committee.

On 2nd June, the Holy Communion Service was conducted at 8 A.M. in the M. M. Church, Trivandrum by the Rev. Dr. A. N. Gopal and the Rev. M. T. Jacob, Presbyter, Christ Church, Trivandrum, assisted him. Then, it was followed by the business session commencing from 10 A.M. till 1 P.M The evening session commenced from 2.30 P.M. to 5 P.M and the meeting came to a close with prayer and benediction by the Rev. A. N. Gopal.

In the evening we had a public reception given in honour of the Executive Committee Members of the N.M.S. by the local Christians and the branch. It was a grand function of the Christians of the branch. The President of the function was the Metropolitan of the Marthoma Church. The function started with prayer by Bishop I. Jesudasan of the South Kerela. The President, His Grace the Most Rev, Dr. Juhanon Mar Thoma traced the formation of the N.M.S. and explained clearly the objectives of the N.M.S. and commended that all the churches should give full support to the N.M.S. The General Secretary of the N.M S. thanked and replied in a fitting manner and requested the Trivandrum branch to under take to support a project in North India, which would cost Rs. 4,000/- annually, and also two girls in the proposed Girls' Hostel in the Jawadhi Hills, either individually or as a branch. With the vote of thanks by Mr. H. Fletcher the meeting came to an end.

Finially In the dining hall, the convener of the Courtsey committee, the Rev. Jayaseelan Jacob thanked every member of the Committee for the carcful arrangements, with prayers by Metropolitan the session came to a close.

On behalf of the Society, we thank the Trivandurm Branch not only for their invitation but also for making elaborate preparation and arrangement in collaboration with the lady members of the branch. May God bless them.

Conference of the N.M.S. Organising Secretaries

held on 9th & 10 Augnst, '76

We are very glad to report that for the first time in the history of the National Nissionary Society of India that we were able to arrange for a Conference of the Organising Secretaries. By God's grace, the N.M.S. has, at present, the following as Organising Secretaries :-

1) The Rev. J. M. Jayasingh — Organising Secretary for Kerela and South Tamilnadu.

2) Mr. Paul Singh — Organising Secretary for Eastern Uttar Pradesh and Eastern Madhya Pradesh.

3) Mr. J. P. Ashwal — Organising Secretary for Western India.

4) The Rev. D. Elias — Organising Secretary for North Tamil Nadu up to Trichy.

5) Mr. Aram Pathra Khosla — Organising Secretary for Western Uttar Pradesh, Western Madhya Pradesh, & North West India.

We had consultations from 10 A.M. to 1 P.M. and from 2.30 P.M. to 5 P.M. At 10 o'clock we had devotion and prayer led by the General Secretary and we had sharing of our experiences in our organising work and pooled our experiences together. This kind of conference, if arranged periodically, will help the progress of the N.M.S. in our country.

The conference sincerely felt the need of equipment for the workers and so we need 6 slide projectors which can be conveniently carried during our tour. Each projector may cost Rs. 500/- So, we request friends, who are interested in the progress of the Society and its work, may kindly come forward to help the cause with their kind contributions. Please send your contributions to the National Missionary Society of India, 102, Peters Road, Royapettah, Madras-600014 indicating that it is for 'Projectors'.

Organising Secretaries,
N.M.S. of India.

An Urgent Appeal to our Readers.

Friends,

We regret to inform our readers and the recipients of the Birth-Day Greetings that many of the copies of the N.M.I/Dheepigai which are posted to them are being returned to us because of the incorrect address and for want of intimation regarding the change of the address. So, friends are kindly requested to fill in the enclosed card and post the same to the N.M.S. office.

Activities of the Area Committee.

Extract from the Annual Report of the West Bengal Area Committee of the National Missionary Society of India held on 23rd June, 76 for the year April, 1975 to March, 1976.

With grateful hearts and mixed feelings we look back on the year 1975—76 for God's infinite mercy and bounty in enabling us to work for the great cause of the National Missionary Society and Evangelism in this part of our dear Motherland.

During April, 1975, the General Secretary of the N.M.S., Rev. K. G. S. Doriaraj, paid a visit to Calcutta and N.M.S. Field at Malligachi, near Uluberia in Howrah District. The General Secretary preached N.M.S. message and reported about its Evangelistic activities in West Bengal and other parts of our Country in several Churches in Calcutta and Dum Dum Cantonment. A successful N.M.S. Get-together was also held at the Lee Memorial Girls' School Hall on Saturday, the 19th April, 1975 where both the General Secretary and the N.M.S. Evangelist Sri P. R. Gupta reported about the work of spreading the Gospel of Good news in the villages of Malligachi, Nabogram as well as other nearby habitations where the people are almost entirely non-Christians and never have had any opportunity to hear the message of Salvation as promised by our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. The General Secretary was also taken to meet the Rt. Rev. J. Amritanand, Bishop of Calcutta Diocese. Bishop Amirtanand showed keen interest in the evangelistic work of the N.M.S. Field at Malligachi and promised financial help from the Calcutta Diocese. At the same time he laid down cartain conditions for preparing the candidates for baptism through the nearby Priest-incharge of Howrah St. Thomas Church. But, owing to inability of the then Vicar of St. Thomas Church, to personally visit the N.M.S. field and report back to the Bishop of Calcutta Diocese the matter could not progress successfully as yet. However, with the arrival of a younger and more active Vicar in the St. Thomas Church, Howrah, it is hoped that there will be closer co-operation between the N.M.S. and the Calcutta Diocese in upholding the Evangelistic work that is being carried on in the rural areas of Howrah District.

The Area Secretary accompanied by Mr. J. A Roberts visited the N.M.S. field on Sunday, the 22nd June, 1975 and came to learn that 4 more candidates by the names of (1) Samiran Mondol (aged 23), (2) Sri Hari Sankar Mondel (aged 27), (3) Dr.

Sasadhar Mondol (aged 25) and (4) another Muslim youngman are being prepared for baptism by our Evangelist there. Our members and friends will be happy to hear that the young Muslim convert by the name, Rahman who was baptised through the N.M.S. at the Uluberia Churches of God Mission in November '76 has proved himself a suceessful preacher and Evangelist now working under the guidance of India Every Home Crusade.

In this connection we would like to draw the attention of our members and friends in West Bengal and elsewhere regarding the urgency of repairing the roof of the N.M.S. house at Malligachi. The house also needs to be plastered and a Tube Well to be provided for drinking water. Moreover, the land needs to be surveyed and fencing to be put up urgently. It is estimated that nearly Rs. 10,000/- will be required for undertaking all these works very shortly. May we, therefore, request ous N.M.S. friends and members in West Bengal and in other parts of India to kindly pray for the N.M.S. field at Malligachi so that God may move the generous and kind-hearted people to come forward and provide the needed money early. We are really glad to inform our friends that a generous lady from Madras has donoted Rs. 400/- for a much-needed bicycle for our Evangelist last year.

Finance.

Audited Accounts for the year 1975—76 showing a closing balance of Rs. 571-94 in the General Fund are given below. During the year under review Rs. 3,070 00 were contributed to the head-quarters, Madras from West Bengal through individual members, St. Saviour's Tamil Church and other local Churches. We take this opprtunity to request our members and local churches to pray for their N.M.S. work in West Bengal and to be more regular in their contributions and subscriptions.

Finally, we sincerely thank all our members and friends as well as Local Churches for their financial and prayer support and we do hope and pray that these will be forthcoming more abundantly in the years to come.

D. Mitra,
Area Secretary, N.M.S. West Bengal
Area Committee.

N.M.S. West Bengal Area Committee

Annual Statement of Accounts as on 31st March, 1976.

Receipts	Rs.	P.	Payments	Rs.	P.
Opening Balance	543	64	Sent to Madras Hd. Qrs	800	00
Contributions from Members.	401	00	Return of loan.	450	00
,, St. Savior Tamil Church Members.	718	00	Peon.	63	00
Donations.			Postage	4	45
Upper Room	50	00	Stationery & Printing.	46	05
N.M.S. Sunday.			Travelling.	5	50
Upper Room	13	00	Nabogram for repairs to Gupta.	100	00
From Madras for Cycle	400	00	,, for surveying.	20	00
Interest.	28	05	Tea & entertainment	92	00
			Balance.	571	94
Total	2,153	69	Total	2,153	69

Cash	Rs. 237	09
Bank	Rs. 334	85
Total	571	94

To Madras head quarters-our contribution	Rs. 800	00
,, direct from St. Saviour Tamil church and other sources	2270	00
	Rs. 3070	00

Checked & found correct

Sd. P. Biswas, Auditor,
23-6-76.

Sd. K. A. Ezra,
Treasure

The following office bearers were elected for the year 1976—77.

1.	Mr. A. J. Samuel	...	President.
2.	Rev. B. B. Mondol	...	Vice President
3.	Mr. D. S. Aruldoss		
4.	Mr. D. Mitra	...	Area Secretary
5.	Mr. P. R. Biswas	...	Joint Secretary
6.	Mr. M. M. Banerjee	...	Treasurer

RECEPTION to the Bishop R. D. Joshi, the President of the N.M.S., by Jabalpur, N.M.S. Branch on 19—7—1976.

The Rev. Wilson, the local President received the Bishop and introduced him to the Executive Body. In his welcome address he briefly told the activities of the local branch and assured its growth in the future.

Mr. T. Thomas, the Secretary, extensively explained the local N.M.S. Branch activities and its historical development in Jabalpur. He hopes to extend it by the help of the Organising Secretary, Mr. A. P. Khosla and he thanked the Bishop for his coming and partaking in the meeting. M. A. P. Khosla explained birefly his efforts to increase the strength of the N. M. S. by opening the Branches in his jurisdiction.

Bishop Joshi in his reply, said, that he was happy to see the Jabalpur N M S Branch growing and he thanked all Executive Members for their personal endeavour to make it a success. He emphaised that the N.M.S. is the only organisation, where all the denominations can be knitted together for the sake of the only and vital cause of spreading the Gospel.

N.M S. Women's Auxiliary, Jabalpur, 1976

It is a good news to hear that in Jabalpur, the lady members have come forward to work jointly with the N.M.S., The following are the office bearers :

1.	Mrs. K. Singh	...	President
2.	Mrs. R. Chowdhary	...	Vice-President
3.	Mrs. J. Mummalal	...	Secretary
4.	Mrs. Dhanbad	...	Joint-Secretary
5.	Mrs. Miss L. Lall	...	Treasurer
6.	Mrs. S. Masih	...	Auditor

N B. REPORTS from the various fields have been withheld for want of space.

OBITUARY

We regret to inform our friends about the demise of Miss Z. R. Jacob of O.C.M.P. High School, Madurai. She taught in that school for 33 years. She was interested in the National Missionary Society of India and she was a life-member of the

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society and an Executive Committee Member of the Society. She tried to help the Society as much as she could ; but, she had her home-call on 6th May, 1976. We convey our heart-felt condolences to the bereaved family and friends.

We regret to inform our readers about the sudden demise of Mrs. Stella Moses of Washermanpet of Madras. She was an enthusiastic worker and an activite convener for the Royapuram Area. Till her death, she was heart and soul working for the N.M.S. She was a member of the Pastorate Committee of the local church and was taking part in its activities. She was unassuming and doing the work faithfully and zelously. We convey our heart-felt condolences to the bereaved family and friends.

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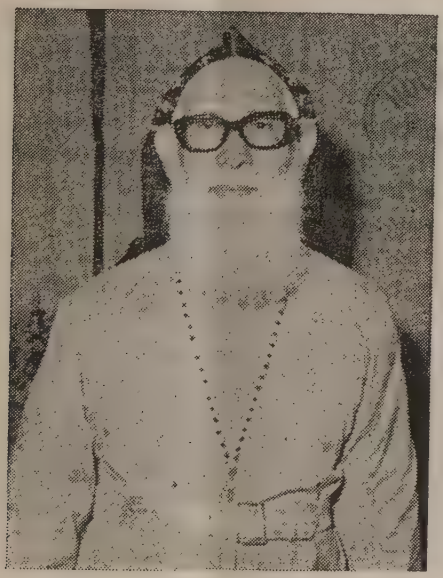

The Most Rev. (Dr.) Juhanon Marthoma Metropolitan

The passing away of Dr. Juhanon Metropolitan, head of the Marthoma Church, on 27th September is an irrepairable loss to the Christians in Kerala. For the last fifty years he was able to direct and lead the Christian Community in the spiritual, social and economic lives of the people. His directive to the Christian public during the recent political upheaval in Kerala, was remarkable. He became the Metropolitan in 1947 and his contribution as a writer, preacher, theologian and as a friend of the poor are noteworthy. On account of his Christian leadership he represented the Marthoma Church in 1948 at the world Council of Churches at Amsterdam and again represented his church in 1952 at Lourdes for the Faith and Order Convention.

On account of his outstanding personality as Christian leader he was elected President in 1954 for the World Council of Churches.

He was connected with the N.M.S. since his school days and his keen interest for the society continued till his death at the 83rd year. According to him the N.M.S. deserves and needs the support of every church communion in India. It is national, transcending denominational loyalties. It is heartening to note that during the recent meeting of the All India Executive Committee, held in Trivandrum during the first week of June, the Metropolitan was able to attend the two days session and to preside over the public meeting on the second day.

Through the Sabha Magazine, His Grace has exhorted the Marthoma public to pray and contribute liberally to the N.M.S.

PRAYER

O God, the Protector of all that trust in thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us thy mercy; that, thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal; grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake our Lord. Amen.

MEDITATION

Ephesians 1 : 3-4. "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has bestowed on us in Christ every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms. In Christ he chose us before the world was founded, to be dedicated, to be without blemish in his sight, to be full of love: and he destined us."

As we begin to read the Epistle to Ephesians, we are struck and sometimes confused by the over-flow of words of thanksgiving from St. Paul. Versus from 3rd to 14th form one long poetical verse. But, we have to admire the grateful heart behind these verses remembering God's mercies, but being unable to express them; devoid of grammer one word dashes after the other in quick succession. In the first part we have three striking ideas, which help us to think of God's mercies to us in our lives and in the activities of the Society. St. Paul thanks God:

(1) For spiritual blessings, (2) For choice; and (3) For dedication.

For Spiritual Blessings: St. Paul says that the Christians were blessed with spiritual blessings. Israelites believed that God's blessing meant material blessings pertaining to the mundane properties. We also, because of our Indian religious heritage and because of the Old Testament learning, believe that God blesses righteous man with worldly blessings. But, Paul lifts us from this idea to look up to the spiritual world, that is, the blessings in the spiritual sphere. These are things which we cannot see but hope for in the future and experience in the present. In the spiritual sphere we would be in communion with Christ and God, the Father, and the Holy Spirit and heavenly hosts. So, Christians have to live for and experience the blessings in spirit or in the spiritual sphere.

For Choice: The idea of choice comes from the hebrew idea of 'the chosen people'. We, christian people believe that we are also chosen and inherited the benefits of His choice as the 'New Israel'. The choice, as St. Paul conceives, is not a sudden one or momentous; but, a well planned out one by God Himself. So, the choice of us is well-planned to be of use to Him to fulfill His mission.

For Dedication: Choice leads us to dedication of ourselves to be holy and blameless. This leads us to the sacrificial idea of hebrews. Sacrificial victim is *separated* and distinctly different from others without blemish and set apart of sacrifices. We are dedicated in Christ by love to Him. This means that christians are to be different from others and be blameless while in this world.

So, by these two verses, St. Paul brings to the mind of the readers God's purpose in choosing them and blessing them with spiritual blessings to be consecrated for His service. It helps us to meditate and to examine ourselves whether we fulfill the expectation involved in being recipients of the spiritual blessings, by choice and consecration.

71 years ago — The 'Forward' to the National Missionary Society of India

"In Carey's historic library at Serampore, on December 25th, 1905, with delegates present from each province and portion of India, Burma and Ceylon there was organised "THE NATIONAL

MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF INDIA". Uniting as it does the Christians of all churches and of all provinces into one great society for the evangelisation of India and adjacent lands, its organisation marks a new era in the history of India. It is remarkable that just two hundred years since Ziegenbalg came to India as the first Protestant missionary, exactly one hundred years since Samuel Mills at Williamstown with his fellow-students at the "Haystack Prayer Meeting" began the great missionary movement in America, and precisely a hundred years since the saintly Henry Martyn landed in India and lived and laboured in this very spot, the Christians of India have now united in the first national, indigenous missionary movement of its kind ever organised in India. While the sessions of the conference were held in the great library where William Carey laboured, the constitution of the new society was adopted in the old pagoda where Henry Martyn worked and prayed for the evangelisation of this land. With Indian men, Indian money and Indian management, the society is controlled by a Central Executive Committee, and a national council with representatives from each presidency and each larger mission or Christian body in a province; and aided by the counsel of an Advisory Board of experienced missionaries. *Founding no new denomination, but preserving the strongest loyalty to the churches; soliciting no funds outside of India, but laying the burden for India's evangelisation upon her own sons,* we believe the society is organised on a sound and safe basis. Only after months of careful planning, and after securing the approval of hundreds of representative Indians and European Missionaries in every part of the empire, has this important step been taken".

FIELD REPORTS

Nepal: Mr. V. T. Abraham, our evangelist reports of his regular visits to different places to contact people. He was unwell for sometime and now he is better by God's grace. He reports of a Bengali friend by name Chowdhri, who was down with Malaria. Mr. Abraham visited him regularly and prayed with him. He is now better. Both Mr. Chowdhry and his wife became interested in the Gospel. Prayers are requested for Mr. & Mrs. Chowdhry.

Mr. Lall Bahadur our honorary worker reports that he makes regular visits to the villages round about his own village and talks with people. He tells about the difficulty of approaching the people because of the Laws existing in Nepal. So, he had to contact them very carefully. His method of contacting

the people is on their work spot. He discussess with them about the Hinduism and Christianity and presents Christ as the only true God and Saviour.

Mrs. Abraham report that she could not make regular visit to the people due to rain, but, whenever it is possible, she with a Nepali friend visits the enquirers.

Bihar: Mr. M. A. Hussain Wadhi reports that Bihar Sharif was worst hit by flood and he explains how the people were cut off from the rest of the world. Prayers are requested for the people of the area. This is an unreached place for the Gospel.

Jawadhi Hills: The Missionary in charge Rev. Paul Senjeevi requests prayers for the field, as this is an old field with not much fruit, in spite of much concentration. This is due to the tribal-communal laws and restrictions. The other evangelist in Jamnamarathur writes that people agree that Jesus Christ is the true God, but, due to the above social restrictions, they are afraid of coming out openly.

Thongumalai: Evangelist Mr. I. Arumainayagam writes that one Tribal man called Kuppan said to him that he worships Jesus Christ because He is one of the gods. So, the evangelist took pains to explain to him as to how Jesus Christ is the only true God and Saviour to mankind. Prayers are requested for Kuppan of Thongumalai.

Gundalathur: Evangelist Mr. James Meyyan writes that he enetred into conversation with one of the Chief man of the Area, called Thirupathy Poosali and his party by name Govindasamy of Pariayadi village who was contacted by the evangelistic team and the Gospel message was given to the family and they also prayed for his sick mother. She recovered and from that time onwards he is interested in the Lord Jesus Christ. Prayers are requested for him and his family.

Kalyanamanthai: We are sorry to hear that Mrs. Madhurabai Victor and her children were unwell and she went on medical leave. Mr. Victor also followed them. Prayers are requested for this family. Mr. Victor writes that he found a woman from Silambody who showed much interest in knowing the Gospel After finishing dialogue with her, they began to pray. They all knelt down and prayed.

Veerappanur: Our evangelist Mr. Selwyn Samuel writes that he visits the nearby villages within the radius of 4 miles.

Alleri: Ms. Jayaraj Samuel and Jeevanandam report that the people are suffering for want of food-grains. Unless the people gather firewood and sell the same in the plains, they cannot survive. So, the people are engaged in that work. Even the school children's attendance is affected. Mr. Jayaraj Samuel goes on one month's leave and Mr. Jeevanandam has to carry on the work alone. As this is the remotest and difficult place in Jawadhi, readers are requested to pray for the evangelists.

Nadanoor: Mr. Gnanamuthu, our evangelist and Miss Saramma George, the Nurse at Nadanoor report of the regular work and about the visit of Dr. Job and his party from Vellore. They are encouraged by the visit of the doctor's team and guidance. Most of the people came with fever and diarrhea and they were treated. They also told them about Jesus Christ. Mr. Gnanamuthu writes about the regular divine services, which were attended by the youths. Two of the youths called Chinnasamy and Chinnayyan came to meet him and gave thank-offering saying that this offering was in acknowledgement of the blessings they received from Lord Jesus Christ.

Mrs. Robertson requests prayers for the patients.

Short Report of the Workers' Meeting Held at Jamnamarathur on September 1st, 1976.

The meeting was started with a word of prayer led by Mr. Selwyn Samuel followed by an exhortation given by the Rev. Paul Sanjeevi, the Missionary-in-charge from Phillipines Ch 2 based on the theme "the Mind of Christ", after which the morning session came to a close. The afternoon session was started at 2 p.m. in which reports from the workers were heard. Since it was keenly felt that the workers should have a day for fasting prayer it was decided by all the members that the third Tuesdays of each month should be kept for this purpose. The meeting came to an end around 3-30 p.m. with the closing prayer by the Missionary-in-charge.

Felicitations to Church Growth Missionary Movement

This Missionary movement was started in 1976 with an object of sending a missionary to North India to work among the Tribals. They have commissioned Mr. & Mrs. Sukumar to be the missionaries to Adhivasis, who are living in Mahadev Ranges. We wish the Society and the Missionaries success in their missionary efforts and growth. We assure them of our prayers.

Madras City Area Committee Sale

We are very happy to inform the readers that by the grace of God the Madras City Area Committee had a successful Sale this year. Bishop of Madras, the Rt. Rev. Sundar Clarke presided over the function and Mrs. Clara Clarke declared open the Sale. We are thankful to them for the help. Many branches had their Sale. St. Paul's Church had a stall of its own. We are very happy about the cooperation and untiring effort of the people. May God bless them.

Proceeds of the Sale by way of Coupons	Rs.	4,747	95
Donations	Rs.	11,688	63
Total	Rs.	16,436	58

We are thanfiful to the Officers of the Area Committee and the members of the same for all their efforts to bring the Sale a success. May God bless them abundantly.

General Secretary

Report of the Rev. D. Elias, Organising Secretary for North Tamil Nadu

For the last three months I was able to cover some of the City areas of Tamilnad. From July 3rd to 11th I was in Coimbatore. The local area Secretary Mr. Samuel Gnanakadacham the headmaster of the C.S.I. High School made all the arrangements for my stay and meeting. I was able to preach at the Ramanathapuram Church, Immanuel Church and Ghandhipuram Christ Church. I was able to visit two hostels and the teachers in the High School. Bishop Thangamuthu was so kind enough to give authorization letter to visit all the churches in his Diocese. From Coimbatore I proceeded to Ooty and Kotagiri. Though I could not spend much time in all these ploces I contacted and conducted meetings in Coonoor and Ooty. All the pastors gave me warm welcome and full co-operation for the deputation work of the N M.S. At Coonoor after two morning services in St. John's Church, I went to Marthoma Church by 11 a.m. Though the Service was about to close the

Marthoma Achan gave me a chance to speak about N.M.S. While I was sharing the work of N.M.S., Achan circulated a list to his congeregation members and collected Rs. 200/- within a few minutes for the work of the N.M.S. I want to extend my hearty thanks to Rev. Devavaram, Rev. Thangasamy, Rev. George, Rev. Hendry Samuel, and Rev. Mangaladas for their kind cooperation.

We have formed a prayer group at Tirupathur, CSI. Church and Rev. S. Chtistopher has taken steps to get regular contribution from his church for N.M.S. He made arrangements for me to visit Jolarpet and Vaniyambady church also.

During the month of August from 7th to 15th I was in Madras for the preparation of the Madras City Area Committee's N.M.S. Sale which was held on 14th August. First three days we had our Organising Secretaries Conference and the Area Committee arranged some prayer meetings in various places in the City.

By the end of August I was in Vellore for four days camp. Unexpectedly, North Tamil Area C.E. Conference took place at that time. I was able to contact some pastors and share the work through slides.

In September I was in Trichy for a week. Mr. Solomon Rajaya, the Hon. Asso. Secretary of Trichy-Thanjavur Dt. arranged the programme to preach in the churches. Rev, George Gnanamuthu, Rev. Jahal James, Rev. V. John and Rev. Tilak Samuel we so kind enough to help me to preach in their churches. During the week days I visited many friends and they liberally helped the Society and promised to support continuously. I was able to preach in the T.E.L.C. Church, Tranquebar house at Trichy and show slides to the hostel students in the T.E.L.C. Home for Children in Kemps Town at Trichy.

OBITUARY

Dr. (Mrs.) Mary Poonen Lukose

The demise of Mrs. Lukose on 2nd October at her 92nd year at her residence in Trivandrum is a great loss to the National Missionary Society of India, particularly to the Trivandrum Branch.

The Trivandrum Womens Auxiliary was started in 1945 and Mrs. Lukose was the first President when it developed into a full branch after some time and she continued guiding its affairs till 1947. In spite of her old age she took great interest in the various activities of the branch.

She was the first lady to be admitted to the Maharaja's College in Trivandrum. She was the first lady to go abroad for higher studies in Medicine. She was the first Lady Surgeon General in Travancore State and first Lady Member in the Travancore Legislative Assembly. She was the President of the Trivandrum Y.W.C.A. for the last two decades.

Let us thank God for the noble examples she has given for us to follow.

We regret to inform the readers that **Mr. P. D. Harris** father of Mr. D. P. Harris of Datia, (M.P.) passed away on 19—9—76. He was taking keen interest in the activities of the Society. May God grant the bereaved family members His solace and comfort.

We are also grieved to inform the readers the sudden demise of **Miss Getsie Ratnabai Vadivammal Samuel** the ex. principal of St. Christopher Training College, Vepery, Madras, on 18—9—1976. She had her early education in the Bain School and she was Headmistress of the All Saints Training School at Trichy and later became the principal of the St. Christopher Training College. She and her family members were ever interested in the Society and its activities. We pray that God may grant her kith and kin necessary consolation and peace.

We deeply regret to inform the readers that **Mrs. Thangamma John**, wife of Mr. M. O. John, a life member of the N.M.S. passed away after a brief illness on the 27th September, 1976, at the age of 71. We offer our sincere condolences to the bereaved family and friends.

The National Missionary Society of India

Area wise income for SIX MONTHS from 1-4-76 to 30-9-1976

S. No.	Areas	Anticipated Income for 12 months		Actual for 6 months	
		Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
1.	Andhra Pradesh	4,000	00	940	00
2.	Assam	1,100	00	—	
3.	Bengal	3,500	00	850	00
4.	Bombay	9,000	00	2,323	75
5.	Bihar	1,500	00	225	00
6.	Delhi	5,000	00	973	00
7.	Gujarat	750	00	—	
8.	Karnataka	9,000	00	4,350	00
9.	Kerala	8,000	00	3,930	00
10.	Madurai City	4,000	00	87	00
11.	Madras City	45,000	00	26,070	87
12.	Madhya Pradesh	4,500	00	2,201	00
13.	Maharashtra	2,000	00	325	00
14.	Orissa	3,000	00	281	29
15.	Punjab	200	00	25	00
16.	Rajasthan	2,000	00	—	
17.	Tamil Nadu (North)	16,000	00	3,239	32
18.	Tamil Nadu (South)	12,500	00	5,990	00
19.	Uttar Pradesh	9,000	00	3,442	57

20.	**General :**				
	a. Field Receipts	6,500	00	3,431	97
	b. Friends Special	2,000	00	3,696	93
	c. Interest	5,000	00	2,720	28
	d. Miscellaneous	6,500	00	2,411	05
21.	**Project Support :**				
	a. Muddebihal	3,570	00	1,793	50
	b. Andamans	6,000	00	3,120	00
	c. Bihar	3,600	00	1,500	00
	d Jawadhi Hills (St. Pauls' Church, KKPB)	18,525	36	10,847	92
	Total Rs.	1,91,745	36	84,775	45
	Expense for 6 months			Rs. 95,365	00
	Debit			10,589	5

Friends and Executive Members are kindly requested to go through the above list of income and particularly those areas which have not sent in their anticipated amount. They are also requested to make efforts to arrange to send the same.

Colton J. Samuel,
Hon. Treasurer,
N.M.S. of India.

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General Secretary

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BAPTISM AT PURI IN THE MIDST OF CRISIS
On 12—9—'76

General Secretary baptising a woman Candidate

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PRAYER

Our heavenly Father, we thank you for sending your only Son as an unmerited gift to the world, because you loved the World. We thank you for your beloved Son who was obedient to you even to die on the cross, while we were yet sinners. Help us, your children, to share your love with our fellowmen so that our joy may be abundant. In the name of your Son and Saviour Jesus Christ.

MEDITATION

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (*John 3 : 16)*

Sometime ago, I was present in the midst of a Christian Boarding school children. During the course of the talk I asked the children to give the Christmas message in one word. Out of the 200 children present a Hindu girl of 12 years of age stood up and said 'Gift'. As we are approaching the advent season, this incident stands foremost in my mind. The advent is the reminder of Lord's coming into the world, which is God's love in action by sending His son to the world. This can be put in a nut-shell in a word 'Gift'.

(1) **It is an undeserved gift of God to mankind.** The Psalmist well-describes the world situation as quoted by St. Paul in Romans 3 : 10-12 "As it is written, there is none righteous, no, not one : There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God : They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable : there is none that doeth good, no, Not one." To such world, while the mankind was "yet sinners", God sent His only begotten Son as the Saviour. It is an undeserved gift to mankind and it was given out of love for His creation.

(2) **Self-giving gift.** The Son out of love for His Father gave His life in obedience by consenting even to die on the cross By this we know the gift of the Father becomes the gift in itself to sacrifice and to save the humanity, The gift becomes a self-sacrificing gift.

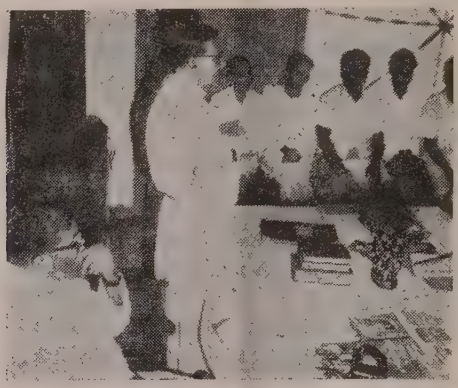
(3) **It is a gift to give joy to be shared with our fellowmen:** The heavenly host declared "Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people". Our Lord came into this world to give joy and this joy has to be shared with our fellowmen, that is evangelism, in word and life of every Christian.

Friends, as we are approaching the advent season, we are made to remember the God given, great, undeserved, self-giving and joyful gift to us Are we sharing this gift with our fellowmen? The angels declared, the shepherds visited and saw and made *known abroad* the gift of God. Advent is a season in which we have to remember this gift and share not only the material gifts, which we give in the festivity of Christmas to our friends but also to share the joy of having received this gift in us with our fellowmen.

Christian Library at Puri

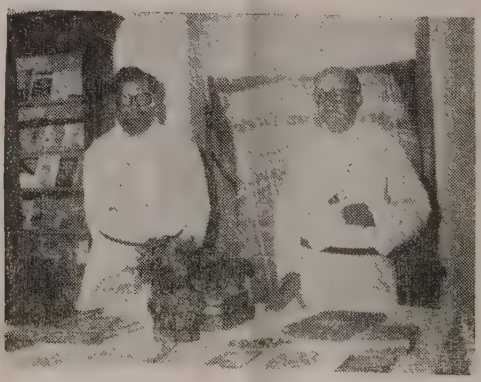
Front view of the Library building at PURI

We are glad to inform our readers with a grateful heart to God for enabling us to rededicate the repaired building of the library at Puri on 14th September, 1976. Bishop J. K. Mohanty presided and declared open the library. The General Secretary



Bishop J. K. Mohanty declares open the Library

offered the dedicatory prayer. After the introductory remarks by the Bishop, the Principal of the Cuttack Theological Seminary, Rev. Nanda, read the Bible portion. The General Secretary was asked to explain the aim of running the library, which he did. After the Bishop's concluding remarks, Miss P. D. James, the Treasurer of the Diocese, offered prayers. It was a simple ceremony attended by Christians in Puri.



General Secretary explaining the objects of the Library while the Bishop of Cuttack Translates

We are grateful to the friends, who had contributed towards the repairs of the building. We are specially thankful to the Bishop J. Amirthanand of Calcutta for his kind contribution of Rs. 1,500/- for equipment of the library. This amount was handed over to the Bishop at the time of the meeting.

As we have already written, the library stands in a strategic place about 200 yards away from the Jaganath Temple at the Narendra Kono, where the pilgrims during the car-festival gather. Lakhs of pilgrims are drawn at the time of the car-festival from all parts of the country speaking different languages. This library is also used as weekly open-air meeting place and open-air preaching place at the time of the car-festival. This had been a very good instrument of evangelistic work in Puri.

General Secretary and the Bishop with Puri N. M. S. Branch Secretary Mr. Samuel Das

The General Secretary was told this building was erected by the Baptist Missionary Society against great opposition and obstruction by the local people. The building of the walls was obstructed, but in the presence of the Collector, the walls were erected in one day. We can understand from this the local situation and reaction of the people. At the same time God had used this building for proclaiming His message to the pilgrims and the library was also used by the public.

The repairing of the building cost Rs. 10,000/- N.M.S. Paid Rs. 1,500 from contribution of friends and the Diocese of Cuttack paid Rs. 3,000 and then Rs. 1,000. So, there is a balance of Rs. 4,500/- The friends are requested to consider this and the importance of the work and to extend their help and cooperation.

When the General Secretary visited Puri for the opening of the Library, he visited the Christian fishermen colony also. He was surprised to find that the people were orally directed to go back to their old place on condition that they should not erect any permanent structure. It is a heart-breaking scene for everyone, who visists the place to see the people living in temporary sheds near to their demolished houses, which were well-built ones. The Christians were hard-hit and they lost their property and also heavily. In spite of the heavy loss and inconvenience suffered by our Christians by the oral orders of asking the people to move to and fro without having a definite place for permanent residence, they are found cheerful. They are steadfast in their faith. The fellowship had grown stronger. They have daily three cottage prayer-meetings and weekly service in the roofless, doorless and windowless chapel cum-school building. Cocoanut leaves are being used to have shade.

Converts being examined before Baptism in the Isa Panthi Ashram Chapel

In spite of all these adverse circumstances, the church has grown and the giving has also increased. We are thankful to God; that the General Secretary was able to baptize 9 adults on 12th September, 1976 in the Isabandhi Ashram tank. We are happy to report that some more people would be received into the church after baptizm by the Bishop of Cuttack, the Rt. Rev. J. K. Mohanty. The teachers working in our school and the missionary incharge approached the Collector for permission to

have a temporary roofing and temporary fixing of windows and doors to keep the things safely and to conduct the school. The

Singing before Baptisam

General Secretary also has written to the Collector for permission to put temporary roofing and also for allotment of land for

Newly baptised with the General Secretary,
Pastor G. Rosaiah & Rev. Paul Saujeur

school-cum-chapel, for teachers and for the worker in the new place, which will be allotted to the Christian fishermen. We hope the Government will consider our request favourably. The school is being run regularly in the same roofless building. Friends are requested to remember the poor Christians in Puri and the Orissa Government in their prayers so that these people may be given a permanent place of residence.

The National Missionary Society

Bangalore Branch

"Ye standfast in one spirit, with one mind striviug together for the faith of the Gospel." Phil. 1:27.

The Bangalore Branch believes not only in prayer and service and giving but also in fellowship. The 29th of July, 1976 the usual prayer meeting day was a very special day.

It was a very special day because a new batch of workers have willingly agreed to take on the responsibility of carrying on the work of the Branch in ordinary terms and an election was held We are very grateful both to the faithful outgoing members who requested us repeatedly to relieve them from their offices and also to the new members who have willingly agreed to become the office bearers.

We had special musical items rendered by the members and a resume of the work of N.M.S. and the present needs were given by the Secretary.

The families were invited and so special arrangement was made for the children. Mr. C. P. Jesudoss, the Director of Bangalore of the Child Evangelism Fellowship who is one of our new Committee members and his able wife Mrs. Violet Jesudoss kept the children busy with stories and songs.

After the meeting dinner was served (the members paid for their food) and it was good to see the people mix freely, and get to know each other and old friends happy for the chance to meet

each other. Such fellowship is an integral part of any worthwhile effort, as we see in history, there has always been a small strong praying group behind every missionary or missionary group which had accomplished something.

We are grateful to God for this happy N.M.S. family at Bangalore. With God's help, we hope to do greater things for His Glory.

President :—
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Mrs. Grace Sathya Raj

Asst. Secretary :—
Mrs. Jean Gurupatham.

Grace Sathya Raj
(Secretary)

N.M.S. Sale at Thanjavur

The Annual Sale of the N.M.S. at Thanjavur was held on 9th October, 1976. The missionaries, the Rev. Paul Sanjeevi of Jawadhi Hills and Pastor Rosiah of Puri (Orissa) with the Organising Secretary, the Rev. D. Elias did deputation work from 2nd to 5th October in Thanjavur in preparation for Sale. Their work was well-appreciated and there was a very-good enthusiastic crowd. The young-men did all the arrangements. The presbyters of St. Peters Church, The Revds. P.D. Peter and E. Durairaj, The Rev. Arulmanickam of T.E.L.C., and the Rev. R. V. Devasahayam, of I.E.L.C., cooperated and helped with their advices and guidance for the successful conduct of the Sale. Mr. A. Gurumanickam, Headmaster of St. Peters High School, Thanjavur, Mr. A. S George, Headmaster, Blake High School, Mrs. Nesam Durairaj, Headmistress, St. Peters Elementary School, Mrs Chandravadani, Headmistrees, Girls Christian High School also cooperated and helped in the Sale. In addition to participating in the general Sale, they also had local Sale for the children in their schools. They richly deserve our thanks. We are thankful to all the Christians of Thanjavur, and specially the three congregations, viz., C.S.I., T.E.L.C., and the I.E.L.C., for their kind cooperation and participation to help the Society to take the

Gospel to unreached places. Our thanks also due to our untiring Treasurer, Mrs. A. Ponnuswamy, who is not only a beloved Aunty to us but a strict director of the affairs. Our thanks are due to her.

D. P. Jayaraj &
Stephen Ponniah

Madurai deputation and Sale

According to the Madurai C.S.I. Diocese's plan, we are told to do the N.M.S. work in the first fortnight of October, 1976. So, a team composed of The Rev. S. Gnanasundaramani, The Rev. J. M. Jayasingh, Organising Secretary, Mr. Jayaraj Samuel and the General Secretary visited Madurai and carried on the deputation work. Mr. J. T. Lazarus, the convener for the ONE DAY retreat made arrangements in the T.T.S. Arasarady for the retreat held on 2nd October. Rev. S. Gnanasundaramani gave the key addresses. After Mr. Jayaraj Samuel gave his testimony, the General Secretary gave the description of the N.M.S. work which is being carried on in different parts of our country. About 100 people attended the retreat. It was a blessed day for everyone, who partook in the retreat. The team contacted individual friends, as well as institutions. On 3rd, the members preached in churches, which were opened to them and also on 10th.

A Sale was arranged in the Nehru Vidyalaya in Thallakulam on 9th October. One of the observers, who observed the Sale and the people gathered for it said that the enthusiasm of Madurai people for the N.M.S. was not diminished. They had many difficulties in arranging the Sale. But, they had it because of the interest in the evangelistic task of the church. The T.T.S. students, Messrs A. Thiraviam and Stanley, cooperated and helped us in prayer meetings. The Sale was opened by Dr. Asirvatham, who urged the gathering to support N.M.S., which is truly the evangelistic arm of the church. The Rev. J. M. Jayasingh and Mr. Jayaraj Samuel visited Ramnad and preached in the C.S.I. church and also partook in the public meeting in the evening on the 10th. Mr. A. Thiraviam preached at Batlagundu. We are thankful to Dr. Miss Kennet, Treasurer of the area committee, Mr. A. Rathanaswami, President and Mr. J. T. Lazarus, convener and other members and we are also thankful to friends who arranged prayer meetings in their houses. We are also thankful to The Rt. Rev. George Devadoss and also the presbyters for their kind cooperation and help to the Society.

On the 10th, The General Secretary preached in the T.E.L.C., Salvation Church. We are thankful to the Rev. Jacob Jayaseelan.

FELICITATIONS

We are happy to inform our readers that the Mar Thoma Church has consecrated as its Metropolitan the Most Rev. Dr. Mar Theophilus on Saturday, the 23rd of October at Kottayam. He is interested in the N.M.S. as his predecessor was and we assure him of our prayers and cooperation. May God bless His services and use him for His glory

Names of Persons Baptized on 12th September 1976 in Puri (Orissa)

Name of the person as Hindu	Age	Name given into "Christ"	
1. Mr. K. Parapillai	40	K. Mark	Male
2. Koti Palli Suryakantamma	50	K. Susamma	Female
3. Odavi Mahalaxmamma	40	O. Hanna	,,
4. Pukkalla Bangaramma	39	P. Mery	,,
5. Pukkalla Chinnamasenu	21	P. Moses	Male
6. Merugu Yellamma	45	M. Martha	Female
7. Garinkina Kodandamma	23	G. Ruth	,,
8. Dailapilli Konda	21	D. Abraham	Male
9. Merugu Kameswari	20	M. Annamma	Female

Tentative Programme of the General Secretary

October	31st	—	Leave Madras
November	2nd	—	Arrive Bombay V.T.
,,	4th	—	At Hubli
,,	5th	—	Dharwar
,,	6-7th	—	Hubli
,,	8-9th	—	To Ankola
,,	10th	—	Kumta
,,	11th	—	Honnavar
,,	12th	—	To Coondapur
,,	13-14th	—	Udipi
,,	15-17th	—	Karkala Area
,,	18th	—	To Mangalore
,,	19-21st	—	At Mangalore

ANNOUNCEMENT

We are glad to inform the readers about the marriage between Sarah Khan, daughter of Mr. Khan and Mrs Khan of U.P. Area Committee with Mr. K. B. Singh, Lecturer in E. C. College, Allahabad on 12th October 1976. We wish them a very happy, long-wedded life.

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General Secretary

Report of the Organising Secretary from April—October, 1976

As I have stated in the April issue of the N.M.I., I was at Singapore to attend the Leadership Training Programme at the Haggai Institute on Evangelism. I am grateful to the N.M.S. Committee, which permitted me to go for the same. The Training Pragramme was very useful to me. While at Singapore, the Marthoma Church Vicar the Rev. V. E. Thomas was gracious enough in giving me opportunity to speak about the N. M. S. in their divine services. Both the Marthoma and the Anglican Church (Malayalam) congregations welcomed the N. M. S and sent their contributions.

After returning from Singapore, I have visited the following places. Eastaffpuram, Kottukonam, Coyalmannam, Udyogamandal, Kalamasery, Ernakulam, Alleppey, Tiruvalla, Kodokkal, Tinnelvelly, Madras, Thiruvalla, Amaloor, Kizhakemuthoor, Kombadi, Eruvellipra, Karaikkal, Vengal, Thumpanon, Aramada, Madurai and Ramnad.

At Thiruvalla Mr. K. Chandy is the new Secretary and he had arranged meetings in the churches around Thiruvalla. He was connected with the N.M.S. since the time of Late Mr. S. J. Doraisamy the Ex. General Secretary.

At Alleppey Mr. M. D. John had arranged meetings in different parts of Alleppey. At Udyogamandal Mrs. Baiyesudhas had arranged prayer meetings. In some of the above places, I had to stay upto 10 days and work.

In all these above places the local presbyters have co-operated very well and on behalf of the N.M.S. and myself I do thank them one and all.

J. M. Jayasingh

Contributions received during the months of September and October 1976

Uttar Pradesh :

Treasurer, Jamuna Church, Allahabad	60	00
Thro' Rev. D- Reid Thomas, St. John's Church, Agra	58	00
All Saints Cathedral Church, Allahabad	105	00
Thro' Prof. M. A. Hakie, St. John's Church, Agra	110	00
Treasurer, Diocese of Lucknow.	120	00
Thro' Mr. J. Das, Kanpur	200	00
,, ,, Alpheus S. Das, Bareilly	100	00
,, ,, R. M. Vincent, Allahabad University Branch	89	00
Mrs F S Mathews, Allahabad	10	00
,, K Williams, Babina	10	00
Mrs M E Gopichand, Varnasi	5	00
,, W Wilson, Almora	10	00
	877	00

Kashmir :

Rev. Yonathan Baljor, All Saints Church, Srinagar	330	77
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Delhi :

Mr B C Ghose, Delhi	15	00
Thro' Mr. Francis Pershad :		
Mr. Francis Pershad,	40	00
Rev Yusuf Singh	30	00
Mr R D B Paul	50	00
,, Alexander Sam Nathan	10	00
Mrs Roseline Raj	10	00
Mr K K Massey	10	00
,, P C Eric	10	00
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,, Selvamaniammal (Wesley Hall)	20	00
,, Bhoopathi (Henry's Pastorate	5	00
,, Martha (Henry's Pastorate)	8	00
25—4—76 Meeting collections	1	70

May:

Mrs George Williams	35	50
,, Selvamaniammal (Wesley Hall)	20	00

June:

Mrs George Williams	37	00
,, Selvamaniammal	19	00

July:

Mrs. George Williams	39	00

August:

Mrs George Williams	39	00

September:

Mrs George Williams	30	00
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Good Shepherd Women's Fellowship	20	00

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,, Selvamaniammal (Wesley Hall)	20	00

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	3711	81

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	1541	71

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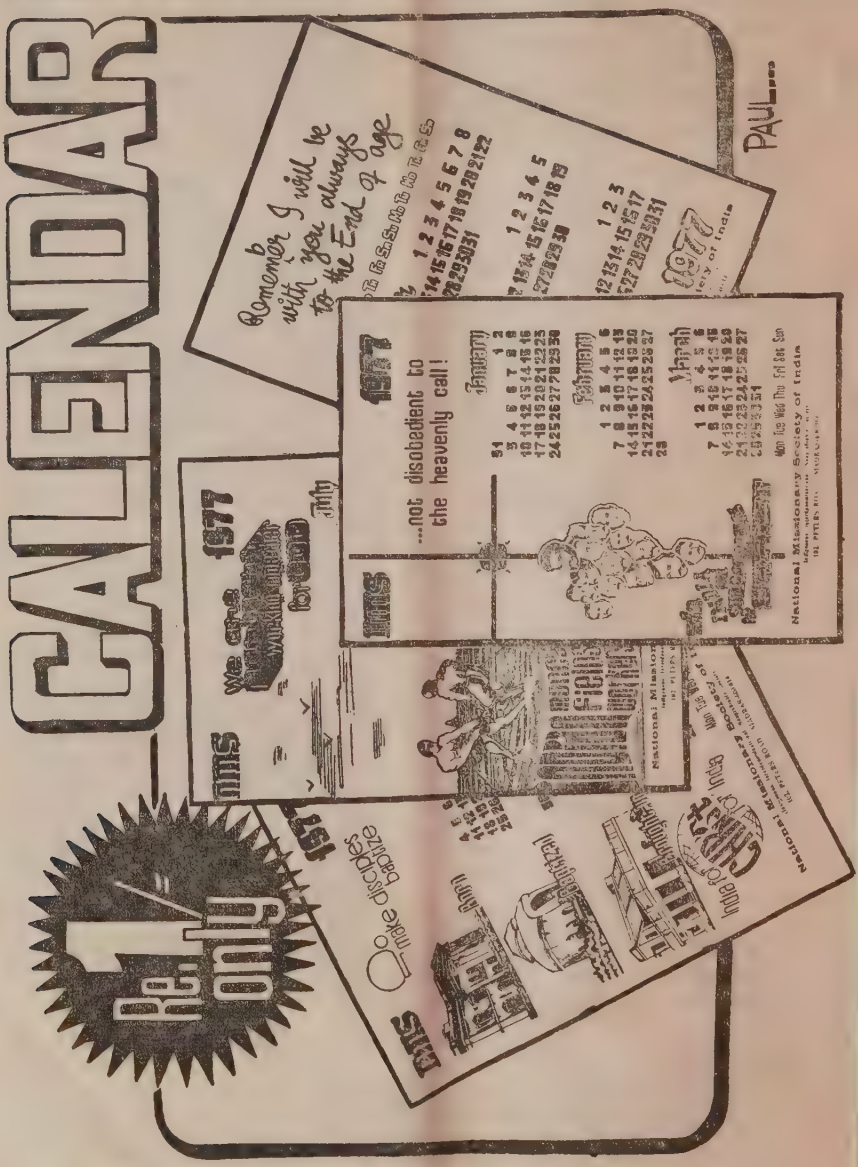

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

THE PEOPLE WHO WALK IN darkness SHALL SEE A GREAT LIGHT... ISAIAH - 9:2

PAUL

With grateful hearts the past we own;
The future, all to us unknown,
We to Thy guardian care commit,
And peaceful leave before Thy feet.

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Ye are the light of the world.
—John 8 : 12

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Mr. & Mrs. J. G. Abraham of U.S.A. conveys her greetings of the Season to the members of the Madras City Area Committee as well as to the friends of the NMS.

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A CHRISTMAS MEDITATION

By Bishop R. D. Joshi,
President N.M.S.I.

Luke 2:1-20.

We read in Luke 2: 10-11 : "Fear not. Listen, I bring you glorious news of great joy which is for all the people. This very day, in David's town, a Saviour has been born for you. He is Christ the Lord." This was the announcement made by the angel to the shepherds nearly two thousand years ago. But the good news continues to be good news today ; for it encompasses all people of ages. It fulfils their hopes of the past and opens a significant future for them.

In our Christmas celebrations, we often miss the joyousness and greatness of the event because we have allowed the observance of our special days to become separated from the meaning of these days. We go through the celebrations but miss their real import and significance, thus turning our holy days in hollow days.

Christmas can become good news for us only when we open our hearts to receive it and respond to it. When we do this, Christmas becomes a living, Vibrant experience for us. Its joy seeps through our being and our broken spirits revive, faith dispels our fears, love leaves no room for hate, self-giving removes all selfishness and makes us live for others.

There is always joy in receiving. This is especially true in the experience of those who are deprived. Bishop Charles Golden, a Black United Methodist Bishop from the U. S., who visited us, saw joy in the eyes of poor village children when they welcomed him with the song, "I got a shoes, you got a shoes, all God's children got a shoes" though they had no shoes, on their feet. We see joy in the eyes of the hungry men and women when they receive gifts of food and realise someone cares for them.

But greater joy is not in receiving but in sharing. We can share the Good News in several ways. We can pass on the Good News to others and in the process our joy becomes tenfold, sixty-fold and hundered-fold. We can make the Good News convincing by re-enforcing it with deeds of mercy and compassion. And in the process of sharing our goods and gifts with God's needy children, they are touched and consecreted by the Christ Child and so replenished that they become a means of bringing blessings to countless others. Above all, the Good News can be made believable when we embody it in the lives we live. This alone will give authenticity to our witness and make it convincing. We will then celebrate what God has done for us and for all mankind. We will celebrate our responsibility as those of whom it is demanded that they love and serve all mankind. Christmas is a Good News to all God's children and through them to all mankind.

General Secretary's Letter

Dearly beloved in the Lord,

On behalf of the Society, WE WISH YOU A VERY BLESSED CHRISTMAS AND A PROSPEROUS, HAPPY NEW YEAR! May God, who promised to be with us, be with you all, on these happy occasions and bless you abundantly with the assurance that He would be with you in the New Year by His companionship.

The word that comes to my mind for this Christmas message is JOY. On the birth of the Saviour in the World, the heavenly Messenger carried this Good News of the gift of JOY in and through Him who was born as a baby. This is a GIFT to mankind by God. Secondly, this heavenly JOY is not limited to earthly festival celebrations and presentations, but it can be experienced in everyone's life, here and now with simple faith, believe in Him and endeavour to know Him who is the author of the JOY. The shepherd had the Joy of experience of seeing the Saviour. We can even today have the Joy by experiencing the God Immanuel in our daily life. Thirdly, the JOY IS NOT LIMITED to an individual or a group. The joy has to be shared with our fellow men. The shepherds not only heard the promise of joy but also experienced and shared the same with others, because they could not contain it within themselves. The Christmas, to be a happy Christmas, cannot be merry but it will urge us to share the joy with our fellowmen in this country. May God Immanuel bless you and be with you and grant you the JOY of the incarnation during the Christmas.

As Christmas comes again this year,
And many seek to spread good Cheer,
May we who know the Saviour dear,
Declare His birth both far and near.

God Immaunel was and is in the life and the work of the Society. We have experienced the same in the last few years in its life and progress. So, we thank all the friends who pray for the Society and share the burden of the Society by their sacrificial giving and participation. Friends might have observed in the Statement of Income published in the last issue that some of the areas are lagging behind in raising the anticipated amount for the current year. May I reqest the friends and the Executive Committee members of those areas to do their utmost to raise their anticipated income before the middle of March, 1977.

Because of the request of the friends and some of the Area Committees, we published a **Calendar for 1977**. But this Calendar is different from other Calendars. Its main purpose is to give publicity to the Society. So, we had only the biblical words which are the foundations and source of inspirations to the Society and its work. Many appreciated it for this specific purpose. Some criticised as these are not like other Christian calendars. We are thankful to those friends for their kind observation. We will try to do better next time **to work out the Calendars**. I thank all those who helped us in producing the Calendar in record time and to distribute them. The Bombay Area Committee alone has taken 2000 Calendars for distribution and we thank the friends who are ever ready to help the Society under the leadership of Mr. J. P. Ashwal. We have requested all the friends who got calendars for distribution, **not to return any but to sell them all**. We have no stock now.

New Projects for 1977

As already reported in the Committees, the *Kashmir Project* will be opened during 1977 at the opportune time. Rev. John Ray and Rev. Yonathan Paljor, the missionary, Principal, Tyndal—Biscoe School and the Presbyter of All Saints Church in Sri Nagar repecctively have recommended a Muslim Convert by name Mr. Tahir Masih after observing him for some time to be our evangelist. We have asked for some more details about him. They have recommended a total remuneration of Rs. 350/- per mensem because of the peculiar situations and the climate in Kashmir. As announced early, Trivandrum Branch has promised to give Rs. 4000/- annually, but we need some more help to run the Project. I hope that the Trivandrum Branch would take full charge of the

Project. Our grateful thanks are due to the Trivandrum Branch which responded quickly and readily to our appeal.

Birthday Project:

Sikkim centre will be opened after the return of Mr. and Mrs. Abraham, our Nepal workers from their triennial leave. During their leave period, they are expected to do deputation work in Kerala in co-operation with Rev. J. M. Jayasingh, our Organising Secretary for that area. Doubts have been expressed by friends whether Birthday thank offering alone would be enough to run the project. Mr. Ashwal had taken up the challenge and presented this problem to the friends during the recent tour in North and South Karnataka. If all recipients of the Birth Day Greetings were to remember this project and send their thank offering, it would be helpful. Let us remember this in our prayers.

Andamans:

We are very happy to note Rev. & Mrs. Joseph Wilson are getting on well and progressing in their work. We have received the news that he is preparing a Hindu Telugu man for Baptism. He lives in a difficult jungle place. So friends are requested to remember them in their prayers. This project also costs more than Rs. 6000/- a year. So friends and supporters are requested to remember these workers in their prayers and show their interest actively. We are thankful to Andhra Evangelical Lutheran Church for having given Rs. 3000/- We hope they would increase this year. We are thankful to the President of Andhra Evangelical Lutheran Church for this co-operation and help.

We have reported about Mr. Asghar Hussain Wahdi, our Bihar worker and his conversion in this issue. From his detailed report, we understand that he does good work. We have requested the Scripture Gift Mission and Tracts Society to supply tracts to him. We are grateful to the Dindigul Branch for their continued interest and support in Bihar work.

We just received the news from Mr. A. H. Wahdi that Mrs. Wahdi was seriously ill and was admitted into Patna Hospital. Prayers are requested for her.

We are also grateful to the friends and supporters who had kindly responded to our appeal for Christmas Cheers to the workers. To distribute as last year, we need Rs. 500/- more.

ONCE AGAIN, I THANK ALL THE FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS for their prayers and generous support and

WISH THEM A BLESSED CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Yours in His Service,
K. G. S. Dorairaj,
General Secretary.

General Secretary's Tour with the Organising Secretary of Western India, in North and South Kanara Districts of Karnataka

The plan of the tour was already announced in the last issue of the N.M.I. As per the programme, the General Secretary reached Bombay on the 2nd November He was met by Mr. J. P. Ashwal, the Org. Secretary. Both met the President Bishop R. D. Joshi that forenoon and had a brief consultation with him. In the evening, the General Secretary met the Kanada Section volunteers of the Bombay Area Committee and had a brief meeting with them. In the meeting, the General Secretary was handed over with a demand draft for Rs. 750 as an endowment in memory of late Mr. J. Amoda. This amount has to be invested in the Fixed Deposit for 37 months and with the interest accumulated and other contributions received during the 3 years for this purpose will be made into Rs. 1,000/- and this Rs. 1,000/- will be deposited in a nationalised bank and the interest accured annually thereafter be used for Christmas presents for N.M.S. workers. During the course of the visit, Mr. Ashwal collected another Rs. 60/- (Total Rs. 810) and they were deposited in the bank as Jesupriyah Amoda memorial endowment for Christmas Cheers for NMS workers.

Total contribution received	740	00		
Total expenditure for building grave	709	75		
Balance			30	25
Donations received from the Bombay Area Committee (Silver Jubilee Celebration a/c)			103	46
Cash on hand			133	71
From Miss Manorama V. Barnabas, Bangalore			50	00
Mr. A. C. Furtado			66	29
Bombay Missionary Aid Fund			500	00
Mr. S. M. Koti, Hubli			10	00
Mr. W. B. Koneri, Hubli			50	00
Total			810	00

The amount of Rs. 810-/ has been remitted into the bank in Fixed Deposit.

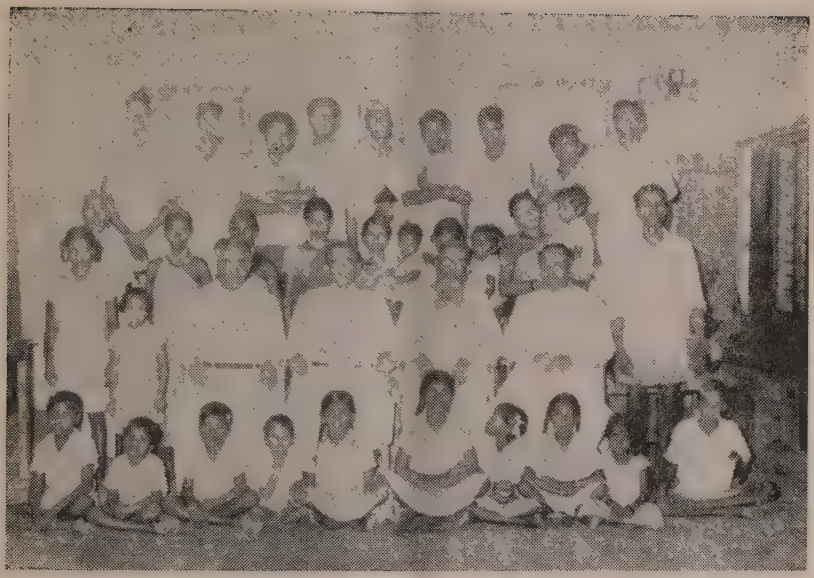
The General Secretary appreciated very much the interest of the Area Committee for the workers' welfare and their endeavour to help the workers. Mr. V Datey is not yet relieved from his Government job and he would join duty after his relief to work among the Adi-Vasis in Maharashtra.

On 3rd, the General Secretary and the Org. Secretary started for Hubli. Though they had reservation, the compartments were fully crowded and the travel was most uncomfortable. Further, they could not get proper food on the way. With these inconveniences they reached Hubli on the 4th morning.

4th to 7th at Hubli. On 4th morning they met Bishop W. V. Karl at Dharwar and had discussions with him. In the course of the discussions, Bishop appreciated the N.M.S. work and also informed them about the missionary work started in the unreached places by the Diocese within North Karnataka diocese. They were very happy to learn that the ex-Basel Mission had made a plan that the town churches should adopt village pastorates and help them financially So, 75% of the income of the town churches in that Diocese excepting the earmarked funds, is pooled to support the rural churches. It is a happy thing to know about this. So far the General Secretary had only heard of churches which boast themselves to be self-supporting and remain introverted and self-interested. But, this German venture was a new thing and foresight into future to put the brotherly responsibility on the town churches about village churches. On 7th Nov. General Secretary preached in St. Andrews English Church in the Morning and in the evening in the C.S.I. (UBM) church. They contacted the individual friends and supporters. The General Secretary is grateful to Mr. Malekar, Rev E. D. Dhawale, Rev. P. J. Kattebennur and his associates and Rev. S. I. Sadamal for their help and guidance.

On 8th they left for Ankola. This is an ex-N.M.S. field handed over to the N.M.S. by the Basel Mission during the first world war crisis. They were kindly entertained in the Ashram by Acharia, Rev. P. V. Philip. The General Secretary was very happy and thankful to God for the good news that 40 Aghar were baptised during the last year. The group was baptised by the Very Rev. P. J. Thomas, our ex-General Secretary who was also the Acharia of Ashram.

They also visited the Aghar villages and had worshipped with the converts. The Society is happy to note that there are fruits for their patient labour.



The Aghar converts with the very Rev. P. J. Thomas and Ashram Members

On 10th they visited Kumta, where they were extended hospitality by Mr. V. G. Eikose, Mr. K. T. George, evangelist and they took them round to visit people and Mr. Eikose helped them in the evening. The people contributed as per the custom cultivated by late Mr. Amoda. The General Secretary preached in the church in the evening and was happy to hear in contrary to the report we had in 1971, two brahmin youths were baptised. Sometimes adverse circumstances are made favourable and helpful to us by God. This area was full of Jan Sang and R.S.S. people, who were always suspicious about the missonary activities and protested against the missionary work. The emergency prevented them from creating an uproar. The church also did not make much of the function. Both the converts are independent workers—one is a teacher and another is an agriculturist; but they were thrown out of the family.

On the 11th they moved on to Honnovar. They stayed with missionary in charge of the field, Rev. P. J. Thomas. In the evening they visited St. Thomas High School started by Basel Mission in 1905 and handed over to N.M.S. with the field which in turn handed over to the Marthoma Church. The primary Section still has the name of N.M.S. He took them in the evening to some houses for visiting and they had a meeting in the church. The friends are requested to pray for Rev. P. J. Thomas, who

is suffering from asthma. He had a difficult night when they were with him.

They then visited Coondapur. They crossed North Kanara to South Kanara. They travelled along the western coast in the bus, which was very pleasant. At Coondapur they were entertained by Mr. S. Soans. They visited some Society's friends who cherished the memory of Mr. Amoda, who used to visit them annually. They contributed liberally to the Society. In the evening, they had a meeting in the C.S.I (U.B.M.) Church. They are grateful to Rev. Paul Thiyagaraj, the pastor for his help and Mr. & Mrs. Soans for their hospitality.

Then the General Secretary and Mr. Ashwal moved to Udipi where they were received by Mr. E. D. Ananda, who lodged them in his house. He could not be with them, as he had to leave, on personal matter. They visited the local minister and friends.

On the 14th the General Secretary preached at the U.B M. Church, while Mr. Ashwal went to Malpe. In the evening, we went together to Manipal Medical educational centre of South Karnataka. They preached in the well-attended English congretation. They are grateful to Mr. Rutherford for his help. They are also thankful to Mr. Maben, who helped them for contacting people in that area.

On 15th they left for Karkala. They stayed with Ashwals, the aged parents of Mr. Ashwal, our Org. Secretary. The General Secretary was able to gather some information regarding missionary work by the Germans in the area. The General Secretary has all appreciation for their zeal and work. But in their anxiety to make an impression that Christianity is distinct from Hinduism, they even denationalised certain cultural practices. Some of the social and cultural practices were changed. In a way, when the General Secretary and Mr. Ashwal are thankful to God for their sincerity and earnestness of purpose to create steadfastness of faith in the minds of the new converts, they cannot but feel the adverse effects on the minds of the Hindus by these changes.

They also visited the Sevika Ashram who contributed to the Society in spite of their need. They run old age homes and home for the children and maternity hospital. The Udipi Mission Hospital was opening a medical dispensary in Karkala.

On the 16th, they visited Bailur and also the Basil Mission farm which is managed by Mr. Alfred Soans. On the 17th, they

reached their last lap of their programme, viz., Mangalore. They were extended hospitality by Mr. J. J. Amanna and his family in spite of the inconvenience to them. We are grateful to Mr. Amanna & family for their kind hospitality and friendship. They also contacted friends in Mangalore.

On the 18th they met the Bishop S. R. Furtado of South Karnataka. On the 19th evening they visited Jeppu and the General Secretary preached at Jeppu Church. They also contacted other friends and supporters. With the permission of the Bishop, Rev. Settian arranged for the local pastors' meeting. The Bishop presided over the meeting. The General Secretary reported about the work. Here also he was able to get information concerning the new ventures of the Diocese among the hill-tribes.

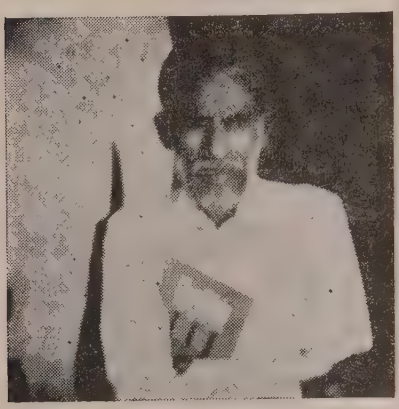
On the 21st the General Secretary preached in the Confirmation Service at the Santhi Cathedral at Balmatta. It was interesting to note the candidates to be confirmed and made to answer 52 questions true to the Luther's catechism. It was an impressive and inspiring service. Mr. Ashwal was requested to revisit Mangalore to reorganise an effective branch.

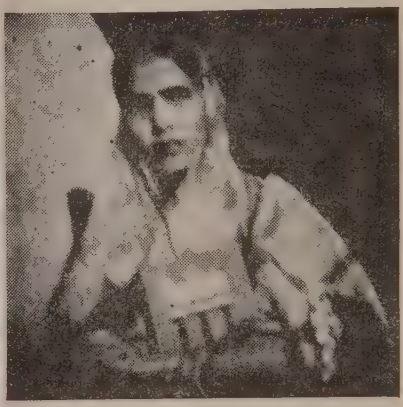
Late Mr. Amoda's work though very appreciable, was mostly individualistic, personal and an annual affair. So, the people, are long habituated with annual visits and with ready contributions. To change them to form a branch and to make them to give monthly subscriptions is a very difficult task. But the ground is paved for it by Mr. Ashwal. Soon, we will have Area Committees for North Kanara and South Kanara Districts. The General Secretary hopes that the Central Karnataka will also form into an Area Committee, as there are branches already in that area. At Mangalore, the General Secretary and Mr. Ashwal parted to reach their respective stations.

Our New Worker in Bihar—Mr. Asgar Hussain Wahdi

Mr. Asgar Hussain Wahdi was born as a Muslim in Bihar before independence. In his youth he came in contact with the committed British Christians, who spoke often about Christ, the Saviour and created lot of interest in the youth's minds. As the Britishers were leaving the country, he was given a chance to go with them to England. But, Mr. Wahdi being a young man took a lenient view. His parents observating his interest in religious matters, put him in a Muslim Theological School. He grew, got himself educated, got married and he was made to be in charge of a Muslim religious school in Bihar Shariff for some years. He was teaching Holy Koran and was a prominent spiritual leader in his community. When he heard the sermon of the

President of the Jabalpur Branch of the N.M.S., Rev. O. J. Wilson, by accident, the interest began to grow, for the spark, which was under the ashes, and began to glow again. His son,





Mr. & Mrs. A. H. Wahdi

who is a graduate accepted Christ through acquaintance with Rev. Wilson. Mr. Wahdi, as a father, did not object to his son accepting Christ. His eldest son and others took objection for his leniency and interest in Christ. Now, Mr. Wahdi himself says about his experience as follows :—

"Two years ago, when I was in a very mental trouble, I saw a dream.

A large number of human-beings are running here and there and crying to get any shelter from burning fire coming near to them.

Suddenly, I found myself nearest to fire, and I became hopeless for my life.

"Come in the belief of CHRIST and save yourself at once"

A hopeful sound came to my ear and the door of my heart was opened for "LORD JESUS". Now I was saved.

This is the reason of my conversion. After believing in "CHRIST" I found the great, new and good changes in my life, as I have a birth again. Now, I am very happy in my poor life.

So, I am sharing my experience by doing evangelistic work."

Having had the vision, he took a decision to accept the Lord. He told people who opposed him that it was not good to turn back, after putting the hand on the plough. Many including his eldest son opposed him but he was steadfast in his faith. So, he took baptism and ever since, he is working for the Lord and many Muslims have taken baptism in that area.

He has been introduced to the N.M.S. by the President, Rev. Wilson and was appointed as the evangelist in Bihar Sharif. Friends are requested to pray for his ministry.

A Visitor's Report about Puri

Mr. J. Shelton, B-3-292 Township, Tiruchi-14.

(He helps the society as a local organiser at Kailasapuram Township)

I am very grateful to our Lord for enabling me to visit our Puri N.M.S. Centre on my way back to Tiruchi from Calcutta on 9-11-76. Pastor Rosiah met me and my Hindu friend at the bus-stand and took us to the fishermen's colony.

It was a real experience to spend the whole day with those simple and very affectionate people. The Hony. N.M.S. Worker Mr. K. Koteswara Rao arranged for a room in Bay view Hotel for our stay. After visiting a few huts, we went to the school. The H.M. Mr. Peter made the children sing songs and recite Bible verses. They answered questions from English lessons very well. There were about eighty students in the class at that time. Again Pastor Rosiah took me to some more huts and introduced the people there and we prayed in every hut. I had lunch at Mr. John Apparao's house.

In the afternoon, we visited the Naliya sahi Oriya School. There the students sang Hindu songs and Christian songs. Then, we went to the Ashram & Library. Pastor Rosiah arranged for a cottage prayer meeting by 6-30 p.m. in which I gave the message. It was well attended by nearly 50 people mainly women and children. I had super with a fisherman's family in a hut. The fisherman Thiru Kirupadanam is having very strong faith in our Lord and in prayer. I was really moved very much to see the affection with which they received me. His wife Kiruppamma, an old lady, offered me money as her gift. I refused to accept it and came out of the hut saying that I am only an ordinary man interested in the work of N.M.S. and

came there only to visit them and see the effective work of N.M.S. so that I can tell my friends in my home town. I think it is their custom to honour guests like that. But she could not be convinced and came out and put her hand into my pocket and dropped a 20 Rs. note and went inside. I had no other go and told her that I would send it to N.M.S. as her Christmas gift. I am sending that amount of Rs. 20/- on her name to "Christmas cheer" fund. Please send the receipt to her (crossed draft No. BX 081258).

The N.M.S. Ashram is a very nice place but remains unused in a far off corner from the town. I pray that the Lord may bless the Ashram for better utilisation.

It was a very sad scene to see those buildings belonging to the Christian families damaged and destroyed by the local people. But those people are very strong in faith. Some of them brought their nets to be blessed and some brought their sick children to be prayed.

I am grateful to the Lord for miraculously saving me and Pastor Rosiah from a great danger. While we were returning from the Ashram in a cycle rickshaw suddenly the overhead electric wire sparked and snapped right in the middle between two posts. The snapped wire got twisted with the neighbouring one and swung across the road and was hanging to a height above five feet from the ground. It was only about 10 to 12 feet in front of us and definitely it was only His grace that saved us from disaster that day. We thanked Him and proceeded further. Pastor Rosiah is working hard there. He gets frequent calls from the members for praying whenever someone is sick or something happens there We pray that the N.M.S. work may bear more and fruit in Puri area."

National Missionary Society
Bombay Area Committee
Secretary's Report

Dear friends,

Thank God, we meet together with new elected members from the branches this day, keeping the goal high with one aim and one heart. The Society at present has 44 workers, men and women working in 13 centres. For Almighty God's guidance and blessings and for the good backing from the churches of India, let us praise God.

I already submitted my report in the last meeting. The printed report in the news letter is available now. To-day I shall touch on a few points.

Branches: In all we have 14 branches, 12 Kannada, 1 Marathi, 1 Telugu. The Kannada branches are in Byculla, Worli, Chembur, Ghatkoper, Kurla, Santacruz, Marol, Bandra, Borivli, Vikhroli, Bhandup, Mulund, Thana, Kalyan, Ambernath, one Telugu branch in Parel, one Marathi branch in Byculla. Functions of the branches depend on the ability of the Secretary. The activities of collection may be improved by him. As I indicated in the last report, Bombay City's anticipated income is Rs. 5000/-. We can not depend only on present basis but some other way we have to adopt. I can suggest that all divisions can organise Sales. In the beginning the branches may not have much response, but later this would become popular.

Newsletter. In these day's people have no time to hear the word or spend a little time to sit together. However reading habit is increasing day by day. Printing media helps more and more. With the help of Area Committee, Kannada and English news letters were issued and it covers Branch news with, my tour and field news for distribution to members of Bombay and Karnataka. It is desired to bring out monthly or bimonthly, 4 pages newsletter entirely in Kannada for Karnataka and Bombay. It should be very helpful to every contributor. We can undertake printing tracts in other languages such as 'Challenge' 'Our Mission' or 'What is NMS'. It will help the people to understand what N.M.S. is.

Before closing my short report, I like to remind you about Christmas gift. Before December your gift or gifts received from your friends may please be handed over to me. This time we should try to inform our friends about this scheme and send a decent amount so that workers as well as tribal children in the Sunday School will get the real joy of Christmas.

The Challenge is great for the newly elected members. Let us extend our hand of encouragement and cooperation, so that they can happily carry on their work.

Finally, I thank you and all church leaders, donors and specially the authorities of Sushanti and Vikhroli church for lending their Hall for our meetings.

25-10-1976

J. P. Ashwal,
Area Secretary.

Bombay Area Committee

Statement of Account for the year ended 31st March, '76

RECEIPTS			PAYMENTS		
By	Rs.	P.	To	Rs.	P.
Opening Balance	26	98	Remittance to N.M.S. Hd. Qrs.	3519	32
Collection & Donations			,, to 2 evg. centres	4264	60
Branch's monthly collection	2402	08	Annual get-together	182	80
Annual donations	1117	24	Printing & Stationery	577	95
Prayer fellowship offering	1070	55	Postage & Bank charges	343	10
Annual get-together donations	135	00	Travel & Conveyance	656	40
Bombay Missionary Aid Fund, Field Maintenance	4264	60	Establishment	134	50
MAF Subsidy	800	00	Meeting expense	87	42
			Transport	21	60
			Sundry	23	50
			Cash in hand	5	26
Total	Rs. 9816	45	Total	Rs. 9816	45

Checked and found correct.

A. O. Kunder, *Hon. Auditor.* **G. Vedamuthu,** *President.* **J. P. Ashwal,** *Area Secretary.* **Mohan Soans,** *Hon. Treasurer.*

Statement of Account of Christmas Gift Scheme 1975—1976

RECEIPT			EXPENDITURE		
By Cash on hand as per balance sheet of 1974-75	Rs. 17	P. 64	To gift to S.School children of Muddebihal	Rs. 63	P. 10
Christmas donation received as per R/65-73	142	26	Balance in hand	96	80
	159	90		159	90

Checked and found correct.

A. O. Kunder, *Hon. Auditor.* **G. Vedamuthu,** *President.* **J. P. Ashwal,** *Area Secretary.* **Mohan Soans,** *Hon. Treasurer.*

Bombay Area Committee

Representatives from	President	: Rev. B. J. Kunder
Kannada Assembly	Vice-President	: Rev. John Amanna,
	Divl. Secretary	: Mr. Godwin Salins
	Members	: M/s A. C. Furtado, Mohan Soans, I. G. Kunder
Marathi Branch	Vice-President	: Rev. M. B. Waghmare
	Secretary	: Mr. C. S. Gorde
	Member	: Miss L. C. Gorde
Telugu Branch	Vice-President	: Rev. S. D. Azriah,
	Secretary	: Mr. A. Joseph
Elected —	Area Secretary	: Mr. J. P. Ashwal
	Associate Secretary	: Mr. Mohan I. Soans
	Area Treasurer	: Mr. Irwin G. Kunder

Report from the High Range Branch of the National Missionary Society

During the N.M.S Prayer week, we conducted a Cottage Prayer Meeting in Mr. James' House on 3—10—1976. Mr. James is one of our Branch committee members.

During the 7 days of the Prayer Week some of the local committee members accompanied by the Branch Chairman Rev. Abraham Verghese and Rev. Thampan visited houses in Munnar area and offered prayer in each house.

On 10—10—1976 the N.M.S. Day service was conducted at 3.00 P.M. in the Christ Church, Munnar. Four Pastors—Rev. Abraham Verghese, Rev. R. Abraham, Rev. K. M. Thampan and Rev. Stewart conducted the service. The sermon was given by Rev. Abraham Verghese. He spoke from St. John 17th Chapter verse 18. His speech in short is as follows :—

"As thou has sent me into the world even, so have I also sent them into the world"

There are 3 things seen in this verse. Let us discuss one by one.

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1. We are sent by God. The authority is God. See Mathew 28: 19-20. Go into all the world and preach. Backing is God Himself. He is faithful and able.

2. We are sent by God into the world. World is our field. We have to work here itself, in the problems, sickness, disaster and joy. We can't live a christian life outside the world.

3. We are sent by God into the world with the a message. Yes ! We are sent with a purpose, to work for Him and His Kingdom. The missions do it. But are you doing it. It is our task.

After the service as usual, an Auction Sale was conducted in the Parish Hall. Free tea was served to all people who came to the Sales. The nett sale proceeds was Rs. 595-75.

Obituary & Posthumous Life Member

We regret to inform the readers about the death of Mrs. Alice Blake on 27th November, '76 after a period of brief illness. Mrs. Alice and her husband showed keen interest in the work of the Society and were contributing annually. On hearing the said news, I visited the mourning house. After my prayer there, Mr. Blake addressed his wife "You yourself give this amount to your Annan" and I, to my surprise, had to receive the Life Membership Fee from the lifeless hands of the departed. Mr. Blake wanted to fulfil the desire of his departed beloved wife even in the midst of his grief. I learnt that Mrs. Alice wanted to become a Life Member. This desire of her was fulfilled by her husband in the midst of his grief and in the presence of the body of the departed. I cannot but be moved emotionally by this action. May God grant Mr. Blake and the berieved family members the needed consolation. May God grant the departed the peace as her wish to participate in the propagation of the Gospel in the earth had been fulfilled. G. S.

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Late Bishop Dr. R. D. JOSHI, President of the National Missionary Society of India

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OBITUARY

With deep regret and with a great sense of loss we report to the readers that our President Bishop R.D. Joshi passed away after massive heart-attack at 4-30 a.m. on 26th of December '76 at Lucknow. When he was the educational Secretary of the Methodist Church at Jabalpur, he arranged for an Executive Committee at Jabalpur in 1968, which shows his interest in the NMS and its work long before he became its President. He not only arranged for the Executive but also he looked into the detailed arrangements and conveniences of the members both in lodging and boarding. He also arranged a very good programme for the Executive Committee members to hold the meeting in churches and for public to make known the NMS. When he was elected as one of the Bishops of the MCSA on his way back from Bangalore Central Conference, he visited us and from that time, he continued to help us. In the last Triennial held at Bangalore he was elected as the President. Though he was reluctant to accept the presidentship because of heavy responsibilities as a Bishop and other extra works, he was persuaded to accept. When he accepted the same, he took keen interest to guide the Society and its work. He also arranged for the Executive Committee meeting held at Bombay in November, '75. When I met him on 2nd November, he was quite hale and healthy and very busy. He was a great thinker and a writer. Hence the loss of him was great. He took part in many Christian organisations and their activities. He was planning to have the Triennial at Jabalpur or at Gujarat during the current year. It was a great shock and was unable to bear the message when I received the telegram on 26th afternoon that he passed away. Only after getting Bishop Shaw's letter, we came to know a few details. It is an irreparable loss to the Society and to the Methodist Church in Southern Asia. But, nobody can understand God's way of action.

If it is a great shock to us, it ought to be greater still and unbearable to Mrs. Joshi and the family members, who never expected it. No human words can console them. So, we commit them to Him who said that He would not leave us desolate and who would grant peace which passeth all understandings. May the Lord grant Mrs. Joshi and the family members the necessary consolation and give the assurance of His presence.

Members are requested to pray for the bereaved family.

General Secretary

PRAYER

O! Lord Jesus Christ, who promised Thy servant that Thy grace was sufficient and gave him the confidence that he could do all things in Thee who strengthen him. Grant us Thy grace to lead our daily life.—Amen.

MEDITATION

2 Corinthians 12 : 9. "My grace is sufficient for you."

From the experience we had in working with the Society for the last 11 years and from personal life, the above verse "My grace is sufficient for you" came with force as a New Year's message and guidance for the New Year. St. Paul approached our Lord for his infirmity to be taken away from him by repeated prayers, the reply was not that he would be freed from his trouble, but he had to depend on the grace of God. The grace of God would help him.

What does grace mean ?

Grace is charm, which attracts people. Prophet Isaiah was attracted by the glory and Almighty Soverignity of God, whom St. Paul, as a Hebrew knew. When the Lord confronted him on his way to Damascus, he came to know about God not as an Almighty Soverign God but as one who was persecuted by him. Acts 9 : 4-5. Thus God identified Himself with the afflicted Christians, St. Paul saw his Saviour, as described by him in Ph. 2 : 6 - 8 "Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being born found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient upto death, even death on a cross." This charming nature of God attracted St. Paul to be His slave.

Grace is God's unmerited favour to man.

St. Paul though a Pharisee of Pharisees and challenged his fellow-Pharisees that he was a Hebrew of Hebrews, felt that he was the chief among the sinners and because he persecuted the churches in his ignorance, did not deserve His grace. But

God, out of His grace, choose him and appointed him as the Apostle, not because of his merit. Acts 9 : 15-16. This is an unmerited favour. 1 Tim. 1 : 12-16; Ph. 3 : 4-6.

Grace is power.

This means, as per the text, power to overcome trial and tribulation. II Cor. 12 : 9. We, Christians have God, who is not far away from us but who is Immanuel and is with us always. He has shown by revealing Himself to St. Paul as one with the Christians sharing in their victories and failings. So, in our trials and temptations He empowers us to have the victory. Philip 4 : 13. 1 Tim. 1 : 12.

In the life history of the N.M.S. we find instances of great crisis and also in the personal life of the individuals. Sometimes we are puzzled because our prayers are not answered and our tribulations and trials were not taken away. But His presence by His grace is with us and give us victory. So, what the Lord answers to St. Paul is true even to-day to us.

EDITORIAL

We regret to inform the readers about the sudden demise of our President, late Bishop R. D. Joshi, on the 26th December, 1976.

As per the Constitution, the first Vice-President and Chairman of the Standing Committee the Rt. Rev. Henry Lazarus will act as the President for the interim period till the next triennial Council. He has kindly consented to help us.

BISHOP RAM DUTT JOSHI

Bishop Ram Dutt Joshi, son of Pastor Bhawani Dutt of Naini Tal was born on November, 16, 1914 at Dwarahat, Almora District. His father who served as Pastor at Naini Tal passed away when Bishop Joshi was only 4½ years of age and since then his mother served as a midwife to bring up the family of four sisters and two brothers.

He completed his H. S. C. at St. Andrews High School, Gorakhpur, U. P. where he finished his college also. Then from

1936 he joined the Leonard Theological College to complete his B.D. and passed out to be appointed as pastor of a very small village church near Bijnor District on a salary of Rs 13/- per month. He was very happy with his appointment and served the poor villagers and was always ready to help them. After a year he was appointed as a pastor of the city church at Bijnor but always was concerned about the needs of the village.

In 1942, he was appointed to the North India Theological College, Bareilly. While teaching at the Seminary he also served a small church at Sadar Bazar, Bareilly. He never lost touch with the church and continued to serve the church while teaching in the Seminary.

In 1944, he married Miss Agnes Karan Singh, daughter of Pastor Karan Singh and sister of Rev. Ratan Singh of Madhya Pradesh Annual Conference. He was blessed with three sons: Rajendra, Virendra, and Ravindra.

In 1948, he was awarded the Crusade Scholarship to Boston University, U.S.A. He completed his M.A. and Ph.D. in Religion & Psychology and returned to Bareilly to teach in Seminary in 1951. After teaching at Bareilly for 3 years, in 1954 he was appointed District Superintendent of Almora District. While serving as District Superintendent he made several trips to Pithoragarh a distance of 40 miles by foot to visit his congregations. While at Almora as District Superintendent he was also in charge of the Ramsay Inter College, Almora, the Colleges at Raniket, Dwarahat and Naini Tal. He served as District Superintendent of Almora District 1961. In 1961 he was transferred to Bareilly as District Superintendent and there too he was appointed as All India Educational Secretary with his office at Jabalpur.

He continued in this position till his election in 1968 as Bishop of the Bombay Episcopal Area consisting of Maharashtra, Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh. The area was very wide and required constant travelling. In the Methodist Church in Southern Asia he was Chairman of All India bodies like: The Council of Christian Education, The Board of Missions of the M.C.S.A. and the All India Provident Fund. Though he unsparingly spent himself in serving the Methodist Church, he also worked hard for the Church of Christ as a whole. While at Bombay he was also the Chairman of the Bombay Christian Council and the Inter Church Centre—both ecumenical organisations. He was also the President of the Serampore College Senate for two years and continued to serve as Chairman of one of its committees concerned with the Church and Education. He was also a member of the National Christian Council of India and several other

Boards and Committees. He was also the President of the National Missionary Society of India and helped it to grow and expand.

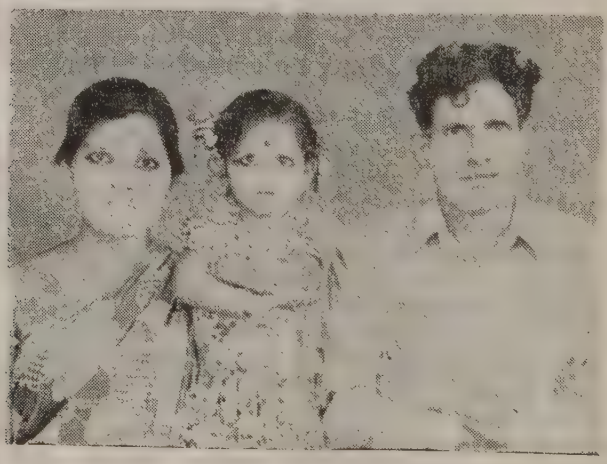
He had a massive heart attack on the 16th December, 1976 night while at Lucknow to attend the meetings of the Central Conference of the Methodist Church in Southern Asia. He got a second heart attack on the 25th December night at Lucknow and passed away on the 26th December early morning. His funeral was conducted there on the same day evening.

Bishop Joshi made valuable contributions and gave his leadership not only to the Methodist Church but to the Church of Christ as a whole. He was a prophet among the Bishops and a Bishop among the prophets. As a staunch advocate of Social Justice and a sincere stalwart of ecumenical movement he struggled to translate his faith into practice which spearheaded numerous movements in Church and Society. He was a beacon where people could look for guidance in their socio-spiritual and political crisis. In his depature the oppressed has lost a friend, the Church an active leader and the humanity a great lover of mankind.

—Rev. J. N. Harris.

Reports from the fields and requests for prayers

Andamans. Rev. Joseph Wilson writes that he is preparing a Telugu Hindu man by name Venkala Rao for baptism. He



Converts family

also reports that he contacted Bengali settlers and Malayalis. So, he needs literature in Hindi and Malayalam. Please pray for Rev. Joseph Wilson and Mrs. Wilson for their ministry and the enquirer in your prayers.

Rev. Joseph Wilson Receiving the Converts

Orissa—Puri: Reports are received from Puri that the Church is being repaired with the help of Mr. John Apparao and they are preparing for Christmas Celebrations. There is a change in the Government, though not of the party but of the ministers. We pray that God would help these poor people to come out of the present crisis of eviction.

We are happy to announce to the readers that Pastor and Mrs. Rosiah are blessed with a girl child on 6th December, '76. Mrs. Rosiah was given blood transfusion and the mother and child are in good health. We are thankful to the Nellore Mission Hospital for their kind help to Mrs. Rosiah.

Puri library was started with the dedication in September and continues working. We have not yet had a good and proper librarian for the library. Friends are requested to pray for the same.

Bihar—Bihar Shariff. Our new worker Mr. A. H. Wadhi reports that regular visits and contacts with the people are being made. Some time arguments and discussions confront the

worker. But, he is cheerful and carries on the work being encouraged by God's word. Mrs. Wadhi had an operation and it is reported that she recovered. We thank God for His mercies to these workers.

Nepal: Mr. V. T. Abraham reports that they as a team composing of Mr. & Mrs. Abraham and Mr. Lal Bahadur visited various centres preaching the Gospel and had prayer meetings, in Guru Bahadur's house. More than a dozen people including his relatives who came from the hills attended the meeting. They had singing and also witnessed in that meeting. They visited other families also They visited Bhairawa and Mangalapur and had prayer meetings. At Kewli one lady by name Jaisala was baptised.

JAWADHI HILLS

Nadanoor. Miss Saramma the nurse reports that St. John's Church. Vellore group under the leadership of Dr. Pullimode visited the centre and the surrounding villages and helped in medical work. One day a lady was taken in serious condition to the nurse. She was given treatment with prayer. The next day, she was all right. Miss Saramma requests prayer that people may realise the God's grace through this medical work.

Mr. S. Gnanamuthu, the evangelist writes that both the youths and married men attend the night school. The evangelist not only teaches them school lessons and also gives scripture lessons. Some of the youths attend the Sunday services. Dr Job, when he saw the interest of the youths, he told them that he would present them with Bibles.

Thongumalai. Mr. I. Arumainayagam reports that one ex-student by name Jayaraman comes to him now and then. He explains to him certain portions from the scriptures. He was given some scripture verses for memorising at his request. Another man named Kuppan got some literature previously. Mr. Arumainayagam was asked to teach him how to pray because he did not know how to pray. So, he taught them to pray. Prayers are requested for Mr. Jayaraman and Mr. Kuppan.

Alleri. Mr. V. Jeevanandham, who is in charge of the field while Mr. Jayaraj Samuel was on annual leave. He reports that as he was visiting he had an idea to stand on an elevated place in the working spot and to preach to the people in a loud voice, so that the people, who were working could hear the Gospel. **It is good to encourage this evangelist with a portable megaphone. This would be of great help to such a work. The house at Alleri is being repaired Friends are requested to pray for Alleri work, which is promising We are grateful for St Paul's Church for all their encouragements and support for this centre.**

Gundalathur. Mr. James Meyyan reports that the B.D.O. visited Gundalathur, as he went to open a new Day School at Thekkamarathur. He enquired about the night school conducted by the worker and appreciated the N.M S. work and the sincerity of the workers. He also commended the N.M.S. Work to his subordinates that it was a model to the Government teachers and encouraged them to work faithfully.

Mr. Vellayyan S/o Ooran (chief man of the village) of Saramarathur is interested in our Lord and His Gospel. But, he is afraid of the tribal social restrictions. So, prayers are requested for him and his family.

Mr. N. Victor, worker in *Kalyanamanthai* writes that because of heavy rain, his house had been affected. He and his wife Madhuraibai had been on leave due to their children's illness and they have returned after treatment. They feel that the hill climate does not suit them. So, they have requested for a transfer. Friends are requested to pray for Mr. Victor and Mrs. Victor and the children.

Athipet. Mr. Rajian reports that he had been visiting the village regularly and he had visited Ramaswamy Gounder. He requests prayer. Some sick were seeking miracle in healing to believe Jesus Christ, He requests prayer for the tribal people

Veerappanoor. Mr. Selwyn Samuel writes that the house in which he lives in danger of falling down. It is necessary that a house has to be built on a site.

Mr. Jacob Andi is growing in grace. May his influence create a thirst for Christ among his kith and kin.

Jamnamarathur. Mr. Paulian writes that one Lakshmi, who lives in a nearby village was ill. He visited her and prayed for her recovery. She recovered by God's grace and she is growing in the faith He also visits her family and requests prayer for Lakshmi and her family members.

Rev Paul Sanjeevi, our Missionary-in-charge writes that the Church building at Jamnamarathur is being completed. God-willing, it will be dedicated soon.

Malligachi—W. Bengal. Mr. Panuel Sarcar, our new evangelist is working there. We heard from the West Bengal Area Committee Secretary that they went as a team with the President for visiting Malligachi and found the worker working very cheerfully. The house is under bad repairs and should be put into good repairs urgently. Please remember this worker in your prayers.

On behalf of the N.M S. Workers we thank the members who were generous in their contribution for Christmas cheers. The total amount received was Rs. 2857 for this year. Adding

with this the amount we received after Christmas last year, we distributed to all the workers at Rs. 100/- for family men and Rs. 50/- for bachelors.

General Secretary

KASHMIR & SIKKIM.

As already announced, God-willing we will be opening from 1st April, a Centre in Kashmir, which will be under the supervision of the Presbyter, All Saints Church, C.N.I, at Srinagar. We are thankful to Rev. Jonathan Paljore and Rev. John Ray for finding an evangelist. After the Standing Committee, the appointment will be made.

We are also happy to announce that as an answer to our prayers for the last 3 years our Lord had opened the door for a new Centre in Sikkim. Mr & Mrs. Abraham after their holidays will go to Nepal and guide the new worker to the new place; while Mr. Lalbahadur Rana looks after the present centre in the out reach work. Mr. & Mrs. Abraham will move to Sikkim in the month of April As this is a hilly place in the Hymalayus Ranges they need warm clothings and other necessaries to live in Sikkim. So, friends are requested to pray for them and for their needs.

General Secretary.

OBITUARY

(Mr. A. V. Singh, B.A.)

We regret to inform the readers that our ex-Organising Secretary for North India, Mr. A. V. Singh, B. A, who out of zeal for evangelistic work got his premature retirement and joined the Society. His interest for the Lord's work and in the Society was undiminished till his last. He travelled widely in North India in the hills and valleys and in the plains, contacted friends and supporters for the Society. The interest our North Indian friends have in the Society is really due to him. Eventhough he was made to retire due to his physical weakness, he continued his interest. During our last visit though he was asked to rest, he insisted in following us to meet friends in Allahabad city. Though he was a heart-patient, and he was asked to rest, he never rested He wanted to be always active till the last. He was with us for all the meetings we arranged when we were in Allahabad. We got the news of his death on 30th night. His children are interested in music and they are of very great help to the Society and the church. We convey to all the family members and friends our condolences and prayers. May God be with them and grant them the necessary consolation and peace. We assure them of our prayers.

Areawise income from 1-4-1976 to 31-12-1976

S. No.	Areas	Budgeted amount for 12 months		Actual income for 9 months	
		Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
1.	Andhra Pradesh	4,000	00	2,263	26
2.	Assam	1,100	00	400	00
3.	Bengal	3,500	00	2,072	00
4.	Bihar	1,500	00	345	00
5.	Bombay	9,000	00	3,944	15
6.	Delhi	5,000	00	2,002	86
7.	Gujarat	750	00	1,705	00
8.	Jammu & Kashmir	—		330	77
9.	Karnataka	9,000	00	8,666	13
10.	Kerala	8,000	00	7,711	00
11.	Madras City	45,000	00	34,618	34
12.	Madhya Pradesh	4,500	00	3,181	50
13.	Madurai City	4,000	00	1,629	19
14.	Maharashtra	2 000	00	1,022	50
15.	Orissa	3,000	00	488	74
16.	Punjab	200	00	25	00
17.	Rajasthan	2,000	00	20	00
18.	Tamil Nadu (North)	16,000	00	4,629	78
19.	Tamil Nadu (South)	12,500	00	12,367	68
20.	Uttar Pradesh	9,000	00	4,776	57
21.	**General:**				
	a. Field Receipts	6,500	00	6,042	83
	b. Friends special	2,000	00	2,840	63
	c. Interest	5,000	00	2,492	74
	d. Miscellaneous	6,500	00	3,133	50
22.	**Project support:**				
	a. Andamans	6,000	00	3.130	00
	b. Bihar	3,600	00	2,700	00
	c. Birthday Gifts	—		1,571	30
	d. Kashmir	—		1,068	75
	e. Jawadhi Hills	18,525	36	12,917	92
	f. Muddebihal	3,570	00	2,793	50
	g. Gujarat	—		115	75
	Total Rs.	1,91,745	36	1,31,006	39

Subscriptions received during the months of November and December, 1976.

Uttar Pradesh:

Thro' Mr J Das, Kanpur	200	00
Thro' Mr E P Elred, Allahabad	137	00
,, ,, B R Singh, NMS Sunday collns, Bageshwar	15	00
,, ,, Alpheus, S. Das, Bareolly	70	00
,, ,, R. M. Vincent, University Br. Allahabad	25	00
Miss M T Speake, Lucknow	30	00
Mrs M Kamble, Jhansi	10	00
,, F S Mathew, Katju	10	00
Mr P P Das, Aligarch	25	00
Thro' Mr H S Paul Almora	10	00
Mr A K Das, Lucknow	75	00
Mr & Mrs S R Peters, Roorkee	10	00
Mr Peter Philip, Varnasi	60	00
Thro' Mr. Paul Singh :		
Lt. Col. J S K Naru, Allahabad	10	00
Rev Chhotey Lal	2	00
Bible Society, Allahabad	79	50
	768	50

Delhi:

Treasurer, Christ Methodist Church, Delhi	295	86
Mr B C Ghose,	10	00
,, Daniel Yunas	40	00
Dr. Mrs M Frey	100	00
Mr G Vincent	35	00
Thro' Mr. Francis Pershad :		
Mr Francis Pershad	60	00
Rev Yusuf Singh	45	00
Mr R D B Paul	45	00
,, Paul Prem Chand	30	00
,, Alexander Sam Nathan	15	00
Mrs Roseline Raj	15	00
Mr K K Massoy	15	00
,, P C Eric	5	00
,, E B Bhajjan	15	00
,, E Cornelius	15	00
,, H Y Massey	15	00
,, L V Singh	15	00
,, J V K Singh	15	00
Miss Sarla Lall	15	00
Mr George D Masih	3	00
Miss Veena V. Singh (Birth Day Gift)	10	00
Mr Samuel Stephens	15	00
Mrs R K Youhanna	15	00
Mr R Wesley	45	00
	888	86

Bengal:

Mr E V John Hon. Treasurer, St. Saviour's Tamil Church, Culcutta	1,222	00

Assam:

Khasi Jaintia Presbyterian Synod, Shillong	400	00

Bihar:

Mrs J R K Sircar, Patna	25	00
,, Wahdi, Konar Sarae	10	00
Mr Morces Ekka, Itki	50	00
Rev P Devadasson	5	00
	1,712	00

Orissa:

Thro' Mr K Chinnappa Rao, Puri	111	00
Mr A C Misra, Jatni	10	00
,, P K Sahu, Cuttack	10	00
	131	00

Rajasthan:

Shila C. Massey, Ajmer	15	00
Thro' Mr. Paul Singht		
Mrs V Alexander, Jaipur	5	00
	20	00

Gujarat:

Rev J Chauhan, Ahmedabad from Gujarat Conference	1,705	00

Madhya Pradesh:

Rev N M Bagh Bilaspur for St Augustine's Church	57	00
Mr P M Masih, Satna	10	00
,, O Khalkh, Bilaspur	20	00

,, P A Abraha, Chickola	10	00
Thro' Mr. Paul Singh:		
Mr Cherian, Keymore	5	00
Bro. Jeevaratnam, Keymore	5	00
Miss P Jeevarathnam ,,	5	00
Penticostal Church, Katni	2	00
Society of friends. Makoria	5	00
Mrs Mary Yusuf Masih, Sohagpur	2	00

Thro' Mr. T. Thomas, Japalpur :

Mr T Thomas	5	00
,, A C Asrith	5	00
,, Ranbir Singh	20	00
,, Wachiff Wilson	5	00
Rev S Samuel	5	00
Mr H David	5	00
Rev D Peter	5	00
Mrs A E Bose	5	00
Rev K Singh	5	00
Mrs M Parsadi	5	00
Mr H K Boro	5	00
,, S Ramtek	5	00
,, Titus Jacob	5	00
,, John Govin Das	5	00
,, Cladius Das	5	00
,, E Patras	5	00
Miss J Bose	5	00
Mr S Khan	5	00
Mr C V Vargehse	5	00
Rev M A Chandra	5	00
Mr P K Jacob	5	00
,, Harold David	5	00
Mrs S K Bihari	5	00
Rev P K Chowdhari	5	00
Mr T S Kirtan	5	00
,, Lalit Kumar Munnalal	5	00
Rev E Moses	5	00
Mr Jesu Das	5	00
,, R Jacob	5	00
Miss A Gadre	10	00
,, Z Scula	10	00
Mrs K A Ras	5	00
Rev Eric Paul	5	00
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,, John Theophilus	5	00
,, R O Ram	5	00
,, Goodwin David	10	00
,, Seth Hawes	5	00
,, William	5	00
,, C R Nathan	5	00

Cottage Prayer Meetings :

Gorakpur, Jabalpur	6	00
Old Mess Kothi No. 2	10	00
Kanchghar	8	00

NMS Sunday :

St Paul Church	76	10
Hawabagh Methodist Church	79	00
Prathna Sadan, Beoharbagh	10	00
Narsingpur Methodist Church	101	00
Telugu Methodist Church, Ranital, Thro' Rev. G J Job	142	50
	813	60

Maharashtra :

Thro' Mr. J. P. Ashwal

Ksesiapur Church, Kolhapur	10	00
Methodist Church, Rahata	10	00
Pandharpur Christian Church	31	00
Dr & Mrs D A Bidari, Pandharpur	70	00
Dr G D Benjamin, Ratnagiri	200	00
Dr A L Jadhav, Kolhapur	101	50
	422	50

Bombay City :

Thro' Mr. J. P. Ashwal

Kurla Branch	21	00
Bhandup	11	00
Chembur	87	00
Mr R Satyavra, Bombay	30	00
Parel Tamil Methodis Church Bombay	500	00
	649	00

Miscellaneous from Friends :

Thro' Mrs. K T Zachariah, Singapore	143	70
Mrs J G Abraham, USA	$ 140	

Andhra Pradesh :

S P G Primary School Staff Ammuguda	54	00
Thro' Mrs Emid David, Ramkote	85	00

London Mission Memorial Church Vizag	95	00
All India WSCS Conference	735	26
Mr J D John Thomas, Sec.	10	00
Mrs V Cormaty, E G.	15	00
Mr P D Asirvatham, Hyderbad	20	00
,, A G P Devasighmany, Section	20	00
Mrs L M Carey, Rajahmundry	10	00
Mr Gnanasigamony Sec'	20	00
,, G J Thangaraj, Allur	10	00
	1074	26

Kerala :

Thirumala Prayer Fellowship, Tvm-6	50	00
Thro' Mr C Thomas, Parasuvaikal	45	00
Treasurer, Trivandrum Branch	1,200	00
Mrs Y Bai Yesudhas, Udyogamandal	30	00
Mr Alexander Samuel, Quilon	10	00
,, Robinson Crusoe, Kaipattoor	20	00
,, S Lawrence	30	00
Mrs Saramma James, Udyogamandal	10	00
Mr D A Sighamany, Cochin	10	00
Mrs Stella Jayaraj, Cochin	10	00
Mr A Rajanayagam, Kerala	10	00
,, D Titus, Parasuvaikkal	10	00
,, A M Daniel, Quilon	60	00
,, D Joseph, Parassala	25	00
,, A. John, Quilon	100	00

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From 10-10-76 to 23-11-76		
Mr K A Zachariah, Karichal	15	00
,, C C Verghese, Valanjavallam	5	00
,, John George, Mavelekara	10	00
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,, George John, ,,	10	00
Mr A Mathai, Tiruvalla	12	00
,, M T George, ,,	20	00
,, Abraham, Thomas Tiruvalla	10	00
Miss T Cheryan, Pallikkal	5	00
Dr C T Verghese Kattanam	10	00
Mr M S Chacko, Tiruvalla	40	00
,, P E Joseph	10	00
,, P P Alexander,	10	00
Balance on hand	2	60
Mr K Chandy, Tiruvalla	30	40

Thro' Miss A. Thomas, Calicut:

Subscriptions from Members	137	06
Rev John John	10	00
St Mary's Church	128	53
NMS Sunday Collections	124	41

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Miss Achamma John, Bombay	75	00
,, Jasmine, Thirumala	1	00
Christ Church, Trivandrum	10	00
Miss Ruby Devasahayam, Madurai	25	00
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,, K J Peter, Cochin	10	00
Mrs Mariamma Joseph Calicut	15	00
Thro' Rev Jayasigh	30	00
	2,316	00

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Mr D C Shantharaj, Hassan	200	00
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,, Karkada, ,,	100	00
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Mr P S Abraham, ,,	5	00
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,, W D Soans	3	00

Thro' Mr. J. P. Ashwal :

Achasya Rev P V Phillip, Ankola	23	00
St Thomas Church, Kumta	70	00
St Thomas Church, Honavar	78	32
Manipal Christian Eng. Congregation, Udipi	60	15

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Mr R M Eikos, Hubli	15	00
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Mr F D Devaraj	10	00
,, S G Murnal	2	00
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Baby Nina Bungau	10	00
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Mr George J Bangera,	12	00
Dr V P Macode, Hubli	100	00
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,, Ananda A Kairanna; Kumta	5	00
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,, S Soans, ,,	100	00
,, Prakash Soans, ,,	100	00
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Mr Gabriel Soans, Malpe	20	03
Miss S D Amanna, Udipi	10	00
Mr A Soans, Moondabidri	30	00
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Mr T F Bangera, Manglore	14	00
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,, S A Nicholas	1	00
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Mr Winfred Karkada	5	00
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,, Thejapal Kunder	5	00
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,, A Dorairaj	18	00
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Bentinck Girls' High School	80	00
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Harwood Raw Memorial Church	50	00
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,, ,, S F Jayavelu	52	50
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,, N Joyson, Ms-40	10	00
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Mrs Jayakumari Ebenezer	2	00
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,, T C Manual. Ms-40	5	00
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Mr. M. John Sampath, Ranipet	10	00

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,, P David	1	00
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	595	00

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Thro' Mr P Vedanayagam, Tiruvarur congregation	20	00
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Mr S J Abraham, Kulithalai	20	00
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Miss Kiruba Abraham ,,	2	00
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Selvi Bauline ,,	2	00
Dr Mrs Monsingh, Trichy	20	00
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Mrs Esther Rajendran, Trichy	18	00
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Miss K A Ananthai, Erode	10	00
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,, S Samuel Peter, Trichy-2	25	00
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Mr A John Devasitham, Trichy	10	00
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Mr G Stedhen Koil Pillai	5	00
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	1747	80

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Mr C P Michael & family, Madras	10	00
Miss L Lall, Jodhpur	10	00
Dr Y Samuel Charles, Ranipet	10	00
Mr P M Ambrose Paulraj, Madras	2	00
Miss J Appadurai, Kanchipuram	40	00
Mrs Daniel Raj, Ms	5	00
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,, Y P R. Sighamony, Nagercoil	5	00
,, K Lawrence, Madurai	10	00
Lt D J E Collins, Tanjore	5	00
Mr D Sugantharajan, Trichy	25	00
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,, T V Balraj, Tuticorin	5	00
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Mr D Samraj, Chingleput	10	00
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,, J J Jayaseelan, Ms-21	5	00
Mrs Ratnam Devapiriam, Aruppukottai	10	00
Rev C Frederick Samuel, Tuticorin	5	00
Miss Elizabeth Abraham, Butwal	5	00
Dr Mrs L M Carey, Rajahmundry	25	00
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,, J Shelton, Trichy	5	00
,, H Job	100	00
,, B R Singh, Bageshwar	10	00
Dr Ben J. Ross	10	00
Miss Christinal, Ms-14	5	00
,, G R Parthasarathy, Little Kaachipuram	10	00
R Sophiar Rachel, Hyderabad	10	00
	575	00

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Mr G D Williams, Ms-40	10	00
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,, G Thomas Bauliah, Ms	100	00
,, Sam John, Allahabad	100	00
Bombay Area Committee	275	00
Mr Wenceslavs, Madras-7	50	00
Bain School, Ms	25	00
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Mr P M Ambrose, Madras	15	00
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	10	00

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St Paul's Church, Vepery	1000	00
Thro' V B S Bangalore	200	00
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Rev J A Balasingh, Kulathur towards Theological Education	20	00

Madras City Prayer Meeting Collections:

Mr Chinadurai, Ms	35	22
Mrs Kanagamani, Alandur	13	75
Nandanam Prayer Meeting Colln.	13	90
Mr S S Samuel, Ms-10	4	50
	67	37
Dr Y Patrick Yesudian, Madras towards the support of a doctor in Jawadi	200	00
Secretary, Bombay Area Committee towards Mr Jesupriya Amoda's Endowment	810	00
Dr K Kurien, Dindigul towards wollen cloth	100	00
Dr K M George, Malaysia towards Puri construction	100	00

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Mr S D Collison, Ms-1	10	00
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Mr S D V Rajakumar, Trichy	10	00
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,, Chacko, NAD	5	00
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Mr A Azariah, Thanjavur	20	00

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	115	75

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Mrs M Victor	17	60
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,, Jeevanandam	6	00
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PRAYER

Almighty Father, who hast given Thine only Son to die for our sin and rise again for our justification, grant us the revelation of Thy Son as ever-living Lord and Saviour and help us to obey His command to go and tell the 'Good News' to every Nation through Thy Son, our Saviour—Amen.

MEDITATION

"To them He presented himself alive after His passion by many proofs appearing to them during 40 days" (Acts 1 : 3)

Easter is an occasion of a new hope and joy for the wages of sin, viz. "Death is swallowed up in victory" by our Lord. Though He had predicted about his manner of death and resurrection, as the disciples could not understand, He had to strengthen their faith by proving to them that He is not dead but a living Lord. His manner of revelation had to be according to spiritual attainment of the respective people.

(1) **WORD.** Mary who loved Him much could not believe that He rose from the dead, even after seeing the empty grave. A still small voice calling her 'Mary' is enough to make her realise the presence of the resurrect Lord, who is ever present with us all.

(2) **ACTION.** The disciples who walked to Emmaused in spite of hearing from the women who visited the grave that Jesus Christ had risen from the dead, and though the resurrected Lord walked with them, they could not recognise Him. So, our Lord had to reveal Himself by action of breaking the bread. In the act of breaking the bread, they recognise the living Lord.

(3) **FEELING.** St. Thomas, the disciple was an introvert. He was not in the company of the disciples when Jesus Christ appeared before them and so he refused to believe the fellow-disciples' report saying "unless I see in his hands the print of

the nails and Place my finger in the mark of nails and place my hand in his side, I will not believe". Our Lord appeared and showed Himself to him and aaked Thomas to feel His wounds. Though Thomas did not feel, he recognised our Lord and worshipped Him saying "My Lord and My God.

So, the revelation of the Lord to each individual differs according to their spiritual attainment. The revelations are different to different people, though Resurrected Christ is the same. No one can boast that he had attained a standard revelation to which others understanding of the Lord should agree. But, there is one thing which the Lord demanded in all His appearances from his disciples that they should *go* and *bear* witness. If one had vision of the resurrected Lord, whether it was by Word, Action or Feeling, one thing that reveals the truth of his experience of the Lord is testimony of him to our Master by his word and deed, as the Saviour of all.

GENERAL SECRETARY'S LETTER

Dearly friends,

Greeting to everyone of you in the precious name of our resurrected Lord, who promises to be amongst us.

My heart is full of adoration and thanks to our Lord and gratefulness to everyone of the supporters and friends of the Society,who had done their utmost to help us, to take the Gospel to unreached places in the land of ours by their continued prayers and financial support. But for the prayers of friends, the N.M.S. could not have carried on the work faithfully for the last 72 years; without the increased financial support of our friends, we would have not enlarged the fields. So, as I work with the Society for the past 11 years, I always felt that the hand of God was with us guiding the affairs of the Society. I am also grateful to the various Area Committees, Branches and the Executive Committee members for their kind cooperation and guidance.

Finance. The financial year 1976-77 started with an unusual experience for us. In the very second month, we were confronted with the inadequacy of funds to pay our workers. By God's prior guidance to the Executive Committee held at Hyderabad in 1972 decided that the Society should save annually 1% of our total income to the General Fund as emergency fund, to meet any crises, which was faithfully carried on and we had

Rs. 12,000/- in that fund, of which Rs. 10,000/- was drawn with the permission of the President to meet the unexpected situation.

76-77 year's income is	Rs.	2,01,496	41
,, year's expenditure	Rs.	1,99,841	17
Committed support which are yet to be received from the Kanyakumari Hill Tribe Prayer Band.	Rs.	9,818	59

As soon as the committed amount is received the loan from the emergency fund will be reimbursed. So, we were able to run the Society without deficit. Our God is one who make us sufficient in our insufficiency. This has been experienced in the life of the Society repeatedly. I am thankful to the friends who responded to our appeal. Though all the areas have *not* collected the anticipated amount, some others have exceeded. Hence, we were able to adjust and close the year without any deficit.

Budget for 77-78. The budget for the year 77-78, as approved by the Standing Committee held on 7-2-1977 is Rs. 2,75,000/- Our budget is a faith budget and our faith in our Lord has never failed us. But, here, God has taught us a lesson that our efforts to propagate the Gospel should *not slacken* but it should progress with the same enthusiasm as we do at the last movement. The good old saying "Slow and steady wins the race" is still true. So, I request, on behalf of the Society, our friends to do their best from the very beginning so that we may not face a crisis again. Our Lord always rewards our faithful labour.

Our New Fields. The National Missionary Society of India though had a humble object to reach the unreached places in India and the surrounding countries, never depended upon the human-brain work of mathematical calculation. She had relied on her Master, who had enrusted her with the task. By His guidance her work had grown and developed so far. During the year, we were guided and helped to open *Four* New Centres.

Kashmir. We are happy that Srinagar All Saints Church, the only church in the beautiful valley had taken interest and selected a Kashmiri Muslim convert to be an evangelist, Mr. Tahir Masih. He started his work with effect from 1-3-1977. He had resigned his secure Government job and accepted to be an evangelist in obedience to his Master's call.

New Centre in Nepal. For the last one year, we were trying to reach an unreached place in western part of Nepal,

since our Butwal work has borne fruits in the formation of a congregation, which manages her own affairs. Mr. Dhan Bahadur Pun, who was Lab. Assistant in the Pokhra Leprosy Hospital, had resigned his job to become a full time evangelist. He and his wife were enlisted to work in the western Nepal, an unreached place, while the out-reach work around Butwal is being looked after by our senior convert., Mr. Lal Bahadur Rana.

Malligabad. We have decided to open a new Centre, as per the request of the U. P. Area Committee at Malligabad near Lucknow. The Committee is still in the look out for an Urudu-knowing worker and has requested friends to pray for the same. The society being National in her object and in working, she enlists workers from all States and languages.

Sikkim. The long-standing urge to open a Centre in Sikkim State is fulfilled by the decision to open the Centre by May 1st. 1977 This project has to be supported by the Birth Day Gifts. Mr. & Mrs. V. T, Abraham, our experienced evangelists who were in Nepal, will be our pioneers in that State. They are very familiar with the language, and easily converse and draw people.

Baroda:— Without our expectation we were guided to open a Centre in Gujarat, As per the desire of our late President Bishop R. D. Joshi, Mrs. & Rev. A. K. Chawhan will begin the work at Baroda in Gujarat from the 1st May. He is just finishing theological studies in the Leonard Theological College Jabalpur and he is an experienced minister and is deputed from the church.

Bihar Sharif:— We are thankful to Dr. K. Kurien and Mrs. Kurien and other friends in Dindigul, who, as a branch are supporting the Bihar Project by their regular monthly contribution of Rs. 300/- We are sorry to hear that Dr. Kurien was taken seriously ill and narrowly escaped the jaws of death. By the mercy of God, he has recovered. Friends are requested to pray that God may grant him speedy recovery and wholesome health, to carry on the work with undiminished interest for preaching the Gospel.

Sikkim, Nepal, Gujarat and Andamans are very expensive Projects in comparison with our all other stations, because of their peculiar situations and climatic conditions. We are very happy and thankful to the "Evangelise India fellowship" for coming forward to support the Sikkim Project by a monthly grant of Rs, 300/- We are also thankful to the Trivandrum Branch for having taken the responsibility to support in full Kashmir project in addition to their support for a worker in

Jawadhi and timely response to our special appeals. Friends who are interested in the Projects are requested to pray and donate liberally.

Evangelistic Zeal in the Churchcs :—We are happy to note and thank God for increasing interest in the churches in the evangelistic work in our country. St. Paul's Church, Vepery, has been supporting regularly two evangelists in Jawadhi Hills in addition to their obligation to the Diocese evangelistic projects. Other churches also would be coming forward to undertake to support some evangelists.

Area Committees :— We are especially thankful to the Madras City Area Committee for their endeavour to enlist more support from the Churches and the individual Christians to carry the Gospel to the people who have no opportunity to hear the Gospel.

We are thankful to the Kanyakumari Diocese Hill Tribe Prayer Band and Nagercoil Home Church Hill tribe committee for their support of work in Jawadhi by men and by their financial support.

Madurai City has become a City Area Committee for the last two years. We have formed another Area Committee comprising of two districts—viz. Salem-Dharmapuri Districts. We would soon form some more Area Committees. Though they are recently formed they have done their best to support the Society by their prayer and finance. We are very grateful for the endeavour of the officers of the AREA COMMITTEES and branches. We hope more Area Committees will be formed soon.

U. P. Area Committee. I am very thankful to God and grateful to M/s M. M. Maxton and A. H. Khan of Lucknow under whose leadership the Area Committee has grown in its enthusiasm and activities. After our visit to Kanpur Branch, the branch there has increased in its strength and activity and also in collection. Now, we get trible the amount of what we got before.

Rae Berilly Branch has revived and continues to be active. They have sent in their collections. I hope more and more branchcs will be formed in U.P. and in other places and the evangelical zeal created among the people in other centres also.

Ladies auxiliary of Lucknow is as usual very active. We are thankful to Mrs. Khan for her endeavour to help the Society. I hope that in other places also the lady members get the inspiration and form a very strong ladies wing of the N.M.S.

The Need of the Society. As I worked with the Society and the experience with the workers, I am fully aware of the problems and needs of the workers. The committee also felt the need to enchance the support of the workers. The last Standing Committee has appointed a Sub-Committee to go into that. This urge in us makes us to appeal to our friends to enhance their contribution.

Urgent Need for Repairs. There is an urgent need for repairing and building of houses in Jawadhi Hills. By God's grace and through a crisis we got two acres of land in the capital ctty of the Jawadhi Hills, viz Jamnamarathur, and we have built there a beautiful and simple chapel and a dispensary, which will be dedicated on Sunday, the 17th April, 1977, by our Acting President Henry Lazarus, in memory of late Dr. Sheila Kamath nee Thambiah. So far, our workers at Jamnamarathur had been living in the houses built on the site given free of the rent by Mr. Andi Gounder. Now, 10 years have elapsed. He wants the site to be vacated. So, we have to build two houses, which will cost Rs. 20,000/- and we have to repair the other houses in the other centres in Jawadhi Hills. For this purpose, we need **Rs. 3,000/-**

Bengal Area Committee has informed us that the workers house at Malligachi. has to be repaired urgently for which they need Rs. 3,000/-

Use of the Old Press Building Site, Even at the time of the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations held at Vellore, the society planned to put up a two storied building on the press building site. We could not proceed with the scheme because the lessee of the building had not only refused to vacate but dragged us to the court, even to the level of the Supreme Court. At every stage in every court, he was defeated and he had to be vacated with the eourt order. As per the vacation condition, we have to demolish the old building and put up a new structure. We have told the court that we would build it stage by stage. As friends know that our site occupies a very strategic position. being at the junction of the 4 important, roads, which makes it highly valuable an useful. So, we need to build a pucca building as per our friends' proposal in 1965, for which we need funds. For the building project planned in 1965, roughly to-day will cost about Rs. 10,00,000/-. But, it would be a good asset not only to the Society but to the church in future. I suggest that as the platinum jubllee year is fast approaching us, if ail the Executive Committee Members are interested and do their best to contact friends all over India and collect funds for this project, as the

Platinum Jubilee Fund, we would be able to accomplish something, if not in full.

So, in conclusion, I am thankful to God for all His mercies and guidance and for faithfully guiding the affairs of the Society all these years, especially, during this year. I am also grateful to all the friends for their unceasing prayer and support. May God bless you all abundantly.

With prayers,

Yours in His services,
K. G. S. Dorairaj

NEWS FROM THE FIELDS

Jawadhi Hills—Jamnamarathur. We are very happy to inform our readers that a chapel and a dispensary at Jamnamarathur have been built and will be dedIcated on Sunday. the 17th April, 1977 by Bishop Henry Lazarus, out Acting President. Usual evangelical and medical works are carried on in the various centres in Jawadhi Hills.

Rev. D, Elias, who was leaving us, was given a fitting farewel on behalf of the Society, and also by the workers and the congregation. The General Secretary of the Society was present on that occasion.

Government are building a hospital and they have occupied our dispensary building for the present.

The need of the field (1) Two middle aged experienced Bible women are needed to work with the nurses in the hills so that they can visit villages; (2) As we have to vacate the present site on which our missionary's house and nurse's quarters are situated, we need to put up two houses urgently for the workers in Jamnamarathur It would cost Rs. 20,000/- and also the houses at other centres viz., Kalyanamanthai Athipet, Gundalathur and Alleri are in bad repairs. Members know that they are thatched houses. Hence, they have to be repaired at least once in three years. For this we need Rs. 3,000/-

In Veerappanur, our worker Mr. Vedaraj Daniel lives in a rented house, which is in very bad repairs and is in a dangerous condition. So, there is need to put up a house in our own plot.

Mr. I. Arumainayagam informed that in Thongumalai he conducts V.B.S., and it is being attended well. He also reports

that he had not been well for sometime and he wants to go on medical leave.

From Gundalathur, Mr. James Meyyan reports that he attended on a sick woman at her husband's request and prayed for her. She was healed. When the worker again met her, she told him "I did not take any medicine and only Lord Jesus Christ healed me." So, though the people are not baptised, they are beginning to realise that Jesus Christ helps them in their needs. We feel that the Gospel slowly works among the people. It may take some time to have a harvest. The church at Jamnamarathur is a symbol of our hope to reap the harvest in the tribal area.

Andamans. Our Missionary, Rev. Joseph Wilson reports that he makes regular visits to different places in the islands. He meets not only the Telugu people, but also meet the settlers from North India. His work is mostly individual by personal talk and contact and distribution of literature. He mentions by name the friends whom he met and requests friends to pray for the following :- M/s Beema Rao, Subramaniam, Venkata Reddy, Sankar Rao and also Gadhacharan Mandols, Bande Khujur and Nitar Kalka.

Jhansi. Branch had arranged for a combined N.M.S. Service in the churches in Jhansi and also had an Easter Mela. which is the annual feature. Our Missionary, Rev. Edward Sherring took part in these functions. He also visited the villages and contacted Hindu members.

Kashmir. Mr. Tahir Masih siarted work in the Valley from the 1st of March and he had visited number of villages around Srinagar. He had contacted people. He reports that a former enquirer has been prepared for baptism and he would be baptised on the Easter Sunday in the All Saints Church at Srinagar.

Malligachi in West Bengal. It is reported that regular evangelistic work is carried on in Malligachi by Mr. & Mrs. Panuel Sircar. We are very happy to inform the readers that West Bengal Area Committee is taking very keen interest in the work. The worker's house at Malligachi is under bad repairs. To make it habitable, the repair has to be undertaken immediately, which needs Rs. 3,000/-

Nepal : Mr. Abraham, our evangelist, reports that Mr Lal Bahadur Rana, our voluntary worker was carrying on the work and

conducted evangelistic meetings and contacted people. Mr, & Mrs. Dhan Bahadur Pun who is appointed to work in Western Nepal had just joined and he with Mr. Abraham would visit and fix a station in Western Nepal.

Sikkim : This work will be started from the 1st May. Abrahams are preparing to leave Nepal for starting work in Sikkim by the 1st of May,

Puri in Orissa : Pastor Rosiah, our evangelist in Puri reports that regular work is carried on for the remnants who stayed behind in Puri in the lean months. The people there. are scatered over the Andhra Coast for fishing. They will group again in the month of August. There is need for a Christian Telugu Teacher for our school in Puri. It is reported that the attendance at the school is good.

Mr. J. P. Ashwal: our Organising Secretary in Bombay reported that he had done deputation work in Kanara Districts. He also reports that all the branches in South Kanara have been revived. After return from his tour, he is attending to the organising work in Bombay City.

Rev. J. M. Jayasfngh, our Organising Secretary of Tamilnadu is visiting Bombay to contact the Tamil and Malayalam people, who are behind the Andaman project by their prayer and Support.

Rev. Mr. Paul Singh, Organishing Secretary, North India reports that since the failure of Mr. A. P. Khosla in his work and as he had voluntarily withdrawn from the Society, as reported earlier, he was directed to visit Rajasthan and to contact friends. He carried out the instructions. He had done very good work. Within a month, he had contacted many branches and the Executive Committee Member, the Rev. C. E. Anthony and collected Rs. 3,000/- This visit, he had to undertake in spite of his wife's illness. He has also visited M. P. and U. P. collected funds.

Mr. K. Chandy, our Organising Secretary for Kerala. We are very happy that Mr. Chandy with very great difficulty got relieved from his medical firm to work for the Lord with the Society. He has visited the headquarters and got instructions about the work. We wish him well in his ministry.

Request for Prayers Thanksgiving & Prayers

1 Thank God for the completion of the building of the chapel and dispensary at Jamnamarathur in Jawadhi Hills and the dedication of same on the 17th April, 1977 by Bishop Henry Lazarus. our Acting President.

2. Thank God for enabling us to finish the financial year 1976-77 without any deficit. Though the year began with an unusual crisis. Thank God for all the sponsors of the various Projects.

1. Pray that the newly built church at Jamnamarathur that it may be filled with converts from the tribal people.

2. Mr. I. Arumainayagam has reported that he was not well and he wanted to go on medical leave. Please pray for his health.

3. Please pray for the expericnced mid-aged Bible women to work with the Nurses in the Jawadhi Hills. Also pray for getting two senior experienced evangelists who can worp in the hills.

4. For sufficient funds to repair the existing houses of the workers in the hills and to build the new houses for workers.

5. Pray for Mr. Tahir Masih, our evangelist in Kashmir, who has started work in right earnest from the 1st March, '77 and also for the convert.

6. Pray for our Behar Shariff worker, Mr. and Mrs, A. H. Wahdi since they are meeting some opposition from their relations as well as from others.

7. Pray for Mr. & Mrs. Abraham who have to go to Sikkim as pioneers and to start work from 1—5—1977.

8. Pray for Mr. & Mrs. Dhan Bahadur Pun, our new workers in Western Nepal.

9. Pray for a Christian Telugu Teacher for Puri School. Please remember in your prayers Mr. K. Koteswara Rao, and his family,

10. Pray for the courage and steadfast faith of the Puri Christians who underwent much difficulties by the Orissa

Government's eviction order. They have repaired the chapel at their own cost and have their regular services there. Please remember the Christians who are scatered for their livelihood along the coast of Andhra.

11. We were sorry to hear from Mr. K. Kurien of Dindigul that he had been very seriously ill from the middle of January. By God's mercy, he was redeemed from the jaws of death and got a new lease of life. He is convalascing. Thank God for Dr. Kurien and his Mrs. Kurien for their undiminished interest in the Society and endeavour to help the Society in the past and pray that God may give him strength and wholesome health to carry on His work as well as his efforts to propagate the Gospel.

The following are office bearers of the following branches

1.	**Mulki Circuit Branch**	— Rev. R. A. Ephraim, Mulki	President
		Rev. G. Pramodan, Ucila.	Vice President
		Mr. Vijayakmar, Ucila.	Secretary
2.	**Coorg Branch**	— Rev. I. L. Soans, Mercara	President
		Mr. L. S. Amanna, Mercara.	Secretary
		M/s. John Christabakta, and F. C. Kunder	Members
3.	**Chickamagalur Branch**	— Rev. K. V. Shantaraju,	President
		Mr. L. Suresh Immanuel	Secretary
		Mr. Victor Willys	Asst. Secretary
		Rev. Premkumar Soans.	Member.

Subscriptions received during the months of January, February and March 1977.

Uttar Pradesh :

Treasurer, North India Benovelence Account	127	00
Mrs Anges Loyall, Methodist Church, Lucknow	100	00
Thro' Mrs Thompson, WFCS, Jhansi	100	00
Yellow Church, Jhansi	51	00
Thro' Mr R P Eldred, Allahabad	154	00
,, Mr J Das, Kanpur	485	00
Treasurer, Lucknow Branch	1000	00

Thro' Mr. Lazarus K. Chand

Mr. L. K. Chand	14	00
,, Sohanlal	14	00
,, Chandulal	7	00
,, H Jacob	14	00
	49	00
Thro' Mr Alpheus S. Das Bareilly	160	00
Mr R M Vincent, Allahabad	90	00
Mrs V. H. Khan, Lucknow (Ladies Auxiliary)	102	00
Dr. Miss M. Dass, Lucknow	105	00
Mrs F S Mathews, Allahabad	20	00
Mrs Frey, Bareilly Cantt	10	00
Rev Paul Das, Bulandshahr	60	00
Miss E I Shipstone, Lucknow	100	00
Mr R Samuel, Allahabad	12	00
Dr A M James, ,,	20	00
Mr N F Singh, Jhansi	120	00
Mr Akshay Roy, U P	15	00
Rekhe R Dayal, Kanpur	5	00
Dr Miss Stephen, Lucknow	10	00
Mrs B David, Nainital	20	00
,, S D Sinha, Allahabad	25	00
,, A M Roston, ,,	5	00
Bible Society, ,,	63	00
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Thro' Mr. Paul Singh:

Mr Samuel Ram, Bhrakeeri	15	00
,, Sonil Kumar	10	00
Pastor S L John	10	00
Mr Duglos Sukhe	5	00
,, Bhira Masih	15	00
,, Goodwin	5	00
Master Crawel Singh	20	00
Mr Anil Kumar	10	00

Delhi :

Thro' Mr. Francis Pershad :

Mr Francis Pershad	60	00
Rev Yusuf Singh	45	00
Mr R D B Paul	45	00
,, Paul Prem Chand	30	00
,, Alexander Sam Nathan	15	00
Mrs Roseline Raj	15	00
Mr K K Massey	15	00
,, E Cornelius	15	00
,, H Y Massey	10	00
,, L V Singh	15	00
,, J V K Singh	15	00
Miss Sarla Lall	15	00
Mr R K Youhanna	15	00
,, George D Masiah	3	00
,, Samuel Stepehens	15	00
Mrs Honey Massey	5	00
Rev James C. Lall	60	00
Mr Noel R Shah	60	00
Karol Bagh Branch	220	00
Treasurer, Delhi Branch	100	00
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Mr R J Solomon	50	00
,, A S Seymour	50	00
,, P S Chakravarthi	50	00
,, B C Ghose	42	00
,, Daniel Yunas, Delhi	40	00
Mrs I F Nelson	150	00
	1145	00

Bengal:

Treasurer, W. Bengal Area Committee	1030	00
	1030	00

Assam:

Sani Andrews Church, Bamunni Kurir Village	100	00
Rev H Barla, Dickom	87	38
	187	38

Orissa :

Thro' Mr. J. K. Das, Cuttack:

Mr Nisikanta Das	40	00
,, S K Behera	10	00
,, J K Das	24	00

Peyton Sahi Girl's C E Society	16	00
Oriya Baptist Church, Cuttack	410	00
Mr A C Misra, Jatni	30	00
,, P K Sahu, Cuttack	10	00
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Mrs I Masih, Jodhpur	30	00
,, C I Alexander, Jodhpur	15	00
Miss Premalata Lal, ,,	100	00
Mr W K Green, Bharatpur	15	00
Dr J Y Massey, Ajmer	15	00

Thro' Mr. Paul Singh:

Mr Paul Hamilton, Piplod	10	00
Mahila Sabha (CNI)	10	00
Mrs Khushmati, Ayub	1	00
Mr Isaac Wilson	5	00
,, Phulchand Rubin	5	00
,, Nelson Dulchand	2	00
,, Yohan Masih James	5	00
Mrs Samuel Samson	10	00
Mr B K Ram	5	00
,, A Alexander	20	00
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Mrs Alic Newton Manohar	1	00
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,, Uttam Noel	10	00
Mr Ilias James	5	00
,, George Johary	5	00
Master Emmanuel	5	00
Mrs Stella Bowen	15	00
,, S Robert Bulab Masih	5	00
Mr Deo Lall Bheel	2	00
,, Yusuf P Lall	5	00
,, Samuel Lala	5	00
,, Gulab Masih Chogalal	1	00
,, Elias B. Ram	20	00
,, Morris Madhu	2	00
,, Daniel Teeku	10	00
Miss W R Eleazar	7	00

Thro' Rev. C. E. Anthony:

Rev. C E Anthony, Kota	20	00
Mr Andrew Joel	10	00
,, N S Franklin	5	00
,, Archie William	15	00
Miss D Walter	10	00
Mrs Pyare Lall	10	00
CNI Church	151	00
The Robinsons	30	00
Mr William J Massey	15	00
,, James Dayal	5	00
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,, D S David	20	00
Miss S David	20	00
Mr & Mrs Titus L Singh	30	00
,, Earnest Torne	20	00
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Mr William Noor Masih	2	00
,, Alfred Yubel	5	00
St. John's School	50	00
Mr S S Eric Masih	30	00
,, A Roberts	15	00
,, Solomon Amra	10	00
,, Samuel Amra	10	00
,, K M David Raju	15	00
,, Mauric Singh	10	00
Dr L Noah	10	00
Mr G G Solanki	5	00
Mrs S Williams	15	00
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,, L Williams	5	00
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Mrs J Gopi	10	00
Mr Gladwin Singh	5	00
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,, S K Maitra	15	00
Mrs Jonathan	20	00
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Mrs P J Massey	20	00
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Mr Elgin Lall	10	00
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,, I T Nelson	5	00
,, George N	20	00
,, Ratan Singh	5	00

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,, Sundar Dass	5	00
,, A B Dass	2	00
Mrs Paul	2	00
Mr Augustin Chand	1	00
Miss S Nath	2	00
Mr L B Mathew	2	00
Sunday Church Offering	56	00

Thro' Mr. Paul Singh :

Mrs D P Roy, Ajmer	5	00
Miss V Lala	5	00
Mrs S William	5	00
Dr J Y Massey	15	00
Major N P David	50	00
Mr & Mrs Dr L S David	50	00
,, A J Massey	10	00
,, R D Peter	10	00
,, P C James	15	00
Rev T Phillip	15	00
Mr W William J Lall	20	00
,, Joshua Masih	10	00

Thro' Miss D M Dass

Miss S V Wilson	2	00
,, D M Dass	5	00
Mrs V C William	2	00
,, N H Vincent	2	00
Miss S Sen	1	00
Mrs M N Eli	2	00
Miss V C Lall	2	00
,, Joseph	1	00
Mrs J D Francis	2	00

Thro' Mr. Paul Singh :

Mr N J Franklin, Beawar	30	00
,, Gilbert Lall	30	00
,, Yakub Masih	10	00
Mrs B V Satyaanadan	20	00
Mr Samuel Ranjit	2	00
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,, Hendrickson	10	00
,, Daud	5	00
Mr & Mrs S V Ariel	5	00
Mrs D Jaswant	5	00
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Miss P Rozario	10	00
Mrs N Solomon	10	00
,, M Williamson	2	00
Miss T Kishian	5	00
Mr J Calvin	2	00

Bharatpur :

Mr Eric Singh	15	00
,, Anand Danald	6	00
Sister Sunder Bai	5	00
Miss S S David	10	00

Thro' Mrs. C. I. Alexander, Jodhpur:

Mr Kamal Sen Ram	10	00
,, Gladstone E Lall	2	00
Mrs P Handrickson	2	00
Kum Baljeet Kaur	2	00
Mr A M P Sukh	1	00
Mr M J Massey	1	00
,, S S Solomon	1	00
,, Simon Ragha	1	00
,, P Masih	1	00

Thro' Mr. Paul Singh:

Mr George S Sagar, Jodhpur	10	00
W F C S. S M Church	50	00
Sunday School S M Church	25	00
Treasurer, S M Church CNI	85	92
Treasurer, Methodist Church	38	00
Mr Singh & Family	17	00
,, J P Charlesworth	5	00
,, I Masih	5	00
Pastor K V Philip	10	00
Miss E M Lall, L M	1,000	00

Thro' Mrs. C. I. Alexandar, Jodhpur:

Mrs C I Alexander	10	00
,, P Lall	5	00
Miss Thankamma Jacob	5	00
,, S D David	10	00
Mrs Anamma V V	5	00
Miss Doreen Jookey	10	00
,, Stella	5	00
Mrs Chinakutty	5	00
Mr Y Isaac	5	00

Thro' Mrs. V. Alexander:

Mrs V Alexander, Jaipur	20	00
,, J Samuel	10	00
,, O M Malvia	10	00
Mr Z R Masih	15	00
Mr & Mrs A M David	15	00
,, C M Malvea	15	00
,, Anand Chowdry	20	00
Mrs F C Jacob	10	00
Mr A C Massey	5	00
Anonymous	20	00
Mrs L R Joseph	20	00
Treasurer, St Andrews Church	50	00
	3251	92

Maharashtra

Mrs M Krishnayya, Poona	150	00
	150	00

Gujarat:

Mr M M Selvakumar, Baroda	50	00
	50	00

Madhya Pradesh:

V B S Students Gift, Bhilai	354	00
CARAVAS, Jabalpur	100	00
Mr S David, St Mary's High School, Belgaum	30	00
Thro' Secretary, Jabalpur Br.:		
Thro' Mr. Paul Singh:		
Mr R K Jacob	2	00
Miss Kristina Masih	2	00
Mr Pravin Kumar Paul	5	00
Miss L Singh	10	00
Mrs L Masih	2	00
Mr Arvind Munnalal	1	00
Master P K Sukrit	15	00
Mr L Peter	2	00
Miss E Cambell	10	00
Rev Peter Solomon	20	00
Mr C. B. Singh	5	00
Thro' Prof. G. C. Chelvam:		
St Paul Church	46	50
Thro' Rev. Bagwanraj:		
NMS Prayer Meeting	20	00
Mr K C Samuel	5	00
,, M Mohanty	2	00
,, A E Chowdary	2	00
Miss Ruth	1	00
Thro' Rev. K. Singh:		
Mr K James	2	00
,, V Ramaiah	5	00
,, Noel	1	00
,, Charian	10	00
,, Chararia	1	00
,, S V Devadoss	1	00
,, Mr Dada	1	00
,, A K Andrews	1	00
,, R Benjamin	1	00
,, V George	1	00
,, V Verghese	1	00
,, P M Abraham	2	00
,, M C Kurian	1	00
,, P Thorat	11	00
,, R W Massey	1	00
,, Mathew David	1	00
,, K David	1	00
,, F Loyal	1	00
,, N Jonathan	1	00
,, V Joseph	1	00
Thro' Mr. P. P. Singh :		
Mrs Clamance, Shashapur	16	00
Miss C Saul	2	00
,, D Masih	2	00
,, A D'Silva	2	00
,, Robinson	1	00
Mr Prasad	2	00
Miss John	2	00
Mr A Dilraj	3	00
,, C D Manohar	5	00
Mrs S P Singh	2	00
Rev. D B Singh	2	00
Thro' Mr. T. Thomas:		
Mr Yohan Das	5	00
Meeting collections Ranital	53	40
Service collections	37	65
Full Gospel Church	65	00
,, ,, Collections	119	00
Thro' Mr. Paul Singh:		
Mr Paul Singh, Sohagpur	15	00
,, A V Anthony	0	50
,, Fr Joe	5	00
,, Elisha Nathaniel	1	00
Miss Ashlata Nataniel	2	00
,, Hemlata Nathaniel	2	00
Mr Patrick James	3	00
,, Philipus	1	00
,, P S Joseph	1	00
,, James Kesho	1	00
Mrs V Daniuel	1	00
Mr S Philip	1	00
Mrs A Verghese	5	00
,, M William	1	00
,, E A Masih	1	00
Miss Pushpa Masih	1	00
,, Malti Masih	1	00
Rev. D. Gibson	5	00
Mr Vinod Datey	2	00
,, Isa Dass	1	00
,, P K Itty	2	00
Mrs S Calib, Itarsi	1	00
Mr C Paul	15	00
Miss M Shah	15	00
Mrs P Bhingardive	2	00
Mr J W Gerdhari	5	00
Mr C W Brown	5	00
,, Dilip Singh	20	00
Miss H Daniel, Piparia	3	00
Mrs S M Lyal	0	50
,, E Nataraj	10	00
Mr Thomson Crag	2	00

Thro' Mr. T. Thomas:

Mr Mamta Pd. Jacob	5	00
,, J B Mathias	10	00
,, A P Khosla	5	00
Rev J W George, Ranji	5	00
Mr Harshit Dhanyabad	5	00
Prayer Meeting Collns.	7	20
Thro' Rev B A sai	111	79

Thro' Rev. E. F. Albert:

Bishop F C Jonathon	5	00
Mr H Tudu	1	00
,, E Bhrose	2	00
Mrs P Dayal	3	00
Mr Anil	5	00
Mrs S R Singh	5	00
,, L D Ashwal	20	00
Mr J W Timothi	2	00
Desciples Church of Christ	50	00
Mr Daniel	1	00
,, P M Masih, Satna	20	00
Ku. Rekhla Khalkho, Bliaspur	100	00
Mrs V Rane, Gwalior	362	00
Rev C D Cak, Bilaspur	25	00
Mr V K Dadar, Durg	40	75
Dr S D Rao, Chindwara	10	00
Mr A M Daniel, Drug	480	00
,, Ramchi, Piplod	100	00
Miss C Arulappa, Jabalpore	10	00

Thro' Mrs. Lyte:

Ku H Lyte	10	00
Mr S Varghese	10	00
,, A P Ediculla	5	00
,, C Lawrence	5	00
Mrs S Varghese	5	00
,, K Nair	5	00
,, H L Nelson	10	00
,, S Koshy	3	00
,, A Mathews	5	00
,, P G Daniel	5	00

Kerala:

Thro' Rev E John Victor, Kumta	150	00
Thirumala Prayer Fellowship, Trivandrum	150	00

Thro' Miss A Thomas, Calicut:

Branch	275	10
Associates' Fund	50	00

Thro' Mr. K. Chandy, Tiruvalla:

Dr George Kuruvilla	10	00
Rev M M Thomas	10	00
Dr T V Koshy	10	00
Mr P V Kurien	10	00
,, P I Abraham	10	00
,, Philip Thomas	25	00
,, M T George	10	00
,, D G Verghese	10	00
January, 77:		
Rev P G George	25	00
Mr P V Kurien	10	00
,, T T Oommon	20	00
Annual meeting offerings	33	46
Dr M Cherian	25	00
,, N V Mathew	25	00
Mr K C Abraham	10	00
,, Phliip Thomas	25	00
Dr Philip Chery	15	00
Mr P P Thomas	15	00
Mr K Chandy	10	00
Mr M M George	10	00

Thro' General Secretary:

Mrs C A Alexander, Tiruvalla	10	00
Mr Jacob Chandy, Puthencanvu	20	00
Mrs Eleyamma Joshua, Pathanamathita	20	00
Dr K T Alexander, Coyalmannam	25	00
Mrs P Vargehse Allepyey	5	00
Mr P George, Kandathil	5	00
Mrs Rachel Oommen, Thekkemala	5	00
Mr M E Easso, Kumpazha	15	00
Rev P M Varghese. Chitoor	5	00
Mr P M Mathew, Valakuzhi	5	00
Mrs Kunjamma Mathew, Kumplampoika	10	00
Mr P S Mathew, Trivandrun	25	00
Mr & Mrs Mani Joseph, Thattacadu	5	00
Mr P C Mathew, Aranmula	10	00
Mrs M Philip, Sihora	25	00
Mr Babu Ashram, Chengannur	10	00
Rev Israel, Nellikakuzhi	5	00
Mrs Thankamma Mathew, Kozhenchery	30	00
Mr Alexander Thomas Kozhenchery	1	00
,, Georgr Varkey	5	00
,, George Yohanna,	10	00
,, N M Thomas	5	00
Miss Sarma John	5	00
Rev V M Marthan	5	00
The Very Rev K E Oommen	10	00
Mr George, Trichur	2	00
,, V O Chacko, Kottayam	20	00
Miss K Koshy	10	00
Rev C M Thomas, Tiruvalla	7	00

Mrs T Zachariah, Kottayam	5	00
Rev George,	10	00
Mrs Bai Yesudhas, Udyogamandal	30	00
Mr V Robinson Crusoe	30	00
Mr S Lawrence, Kockanoor	20	00
,, J Gnanaselva Bai, Trivandrum	10	00
,, D A Sighamony, Cochin	15	00
,, A Rajanayagam	11	00
,, A Sobnam, Munnar	25	00
,, George Thomas	40	00
,, K P Joseph, Cochin	11	00
,, J Florence John, Neyyatinkara	10	00
Dr T N Chacko	5	00
Mr Alexander Samuel, Quilon	10	00

Karnataka:

Thro' Mr. V. T. Abraham :

Supdt Emman's Hospital, Hubli	20	00
Wesley English Church, Bangalore	50	00

Thro' Mr. J. P. Ashwal:

Miss A D Kotian, Mercara	5	00
Rev I L Soans	5	00
Mrs Asha Soans,	5	00
Miss Indira Williams	5	00
Mr C L Salins	4	00
,, Henry David	5	00
,, A E Amanna	5	00
,, G Sumath	5	00
,, P G Devadatta	5	00
,, John Christabakta	2	00
,, E S Amanna	5	00
,, S E Albert	2	00
,, Ananda Albert	5	00
Mrs Ernestina	2	00
Mr L S Amanna	5	00
Rev J W Kotian	5	00
Mr F C Kunder	5	00
,, S A Kotian	5	00
,, V H Amanna	5	00
,, Vincent A Huns	5	00
Rev & Mrs. R A Epraim Mulki	50	00
Miss Emmy Attenhofer,	25	00
Mrs Prabila Bangera, Uchila	5	30
Mr Chinnappa	5	00
S B S Nursery, Uchila	12	00
Rev & Mrs Premkumar Soans	10	00
St Andrews Church, Chikamangalur	50	00

Thro' Mr E D Ananda, Udupi Br.

Mr Sebastin Salins	5	00
,, L V Maben	10	00
Thro' Mr L V Maben, Manipal	5	00

Thro' Miss Rita M. Ashwal:

Mr E Bangera	10	00
,, M S Karkada	12	00
,, R J Ashwal	22	00
,, A Dorai raj	9	00
Mrs S O Ashwal	6	00

Thro' Mr. Ashwal:

Mr E B Soans, Mangalore	15	00
Mr & Mrs. J J Amanna	51	00
,, J A Jivothama, Mangalore	5	00
,, B S Theodore, Balmata	10	00
,, C Karkada	10	00
,, I Jathanna	5	00
,, G Aiman	5	00
,, Walter Karkada	10	00
,, W A Salins	10	00
,, E J Amanna	5	00
Rev R G Heri	15	00
Mr Denzil Karkada	10	00
,, E S Hans	5	00
,, Godfreo Devadatta	5	00
,, Percy, Udipi	5	00
,, D J Simon	2	00
Mrs M Anchen	2	00
,, Shanti Ancheu	2	00
Mr Benjamin Maben	5	00
,, F I Maben	5	00
,, Harsha Bangera, Mangalore	3	00
,, Premadas Ananda	5	00
,, G W Karkada	5	00
Mr E W Karkada	5	00
,, J B Karkada	10	00
,, S Jayakar	15	00
,, Albert Sudarshan	10	00
Mrs Meeta Kotian, Perambur	10	00
Mr A K Karkada	5	00
,, P Annamalai	5	00
,, M N Supalithan, Mangalore	5	00
,, Johns N P Salins	5	00
Bp. S R Furtado, Balmatta	10	00
Dr Miss G Calco	8	00
Wellwisher, Balmata	5	00
Mr D J Bangera	5	00
,, Edward Alfred	5	00
,, I A Kairanna	5	00
Dr C D Jathanna	10	00
Rev I S Sadananda	10	00
Mr & Mrs John G. Anchen	15	00

,, Samuel A Enthat	12	00
,, Deva Sundermani, Chickmagalur	10	00
,, A S Kaunds, Nileshwar	5	00
Mrs R Peters	5	00
,, Emily Kunder	5	00
Mr K V George	2	00
Rev S Padiangaden	5	00
Mrs Josephine Stanly	2	00
,, W I Kaundo	10	00
,, Mary Kauuds	5	00
Rev Imm. Soans Marcava Hill	2	00
Mr W F Soans, Jeppu	5	00
,, Amanna, ,,	5	00
,, H D Silva	15	00
,, John F Soans	10	00
,, John Amanna	5	00
Dr G Jivothanna	5	00
Mr Edwin Wilson	5	00
,, M Kunder	2	00
,, Edwin Salins	5	00
Mrs Ammatti	5	00
Mr Israel Nadar	7	00
Mrs Sarojini Andrade	5	00
Shanti Church Sunday School, Balmatta	15	00
CSI South Kanara & Coorg Area	709	39
Mr W Manohar	10	00
Thro' Mr. A. Soans, Jeppu		
Mr C M Soans	3	00
,, C Jayakar Bangera	5	00
,, Wilson V Bangera	2	00
,, Edwin Jayakar	6	00
,, A Gladson	6	00
Miss Shanthi Prameela	3	00
Thro' Mrs. Sathya Raj, Bangalore :		
Thro' Mrs Marlam	8	00
Mr Donald Grant	10	00
,, Gunarathnam	2	00
Mr & Mrs Sthyaraj	40	00
Trinity Church	10	00
Mrs Lucas (Staff of Mithralya School)	73	00
Mr Jasn Pratapraj	10	00
Mrs Jean Gurupatham	10	00
Marthoma Church, Bangalore	1000	00
Thro' Mr. George D. Bankapur:		
Mr J D Birnur, Bijapur	80	00
Dr S Patil, Basavanabagewadi	51	00
Mr V S Eikos, Kumta	20	00
Rev P J Thomas, Honavar	20	00
Mrs Kamalamma Peter, Banga	25	00
Dr E P Eapen, Hubli	50	00
Mr Banu Thomas, Bangalore	5	00
,, E D Soans, Mangalore	40	00
Dr Ranita Aiman, Bangalore	500	00
Mrs N Raju	100	00
Mr & Mrs C M Salins	10	00

Andhra Pradesh

Ammuguda Primary School Staff	46	00
Thro' Mrs Emid David, Ramkote	84	00
Thro' Rev N Samuel, Kurnool	30	00
Mr J D John Thomas, Secunderabad	15	00
,, V Cormaty, E G Dt.	15	00
,, P D Asirvatham, Hyderabad	30	00
Mr A G P Devasighamony, Sec.	60	00
,, N Gnanasighamony, Sec.	30	00
,, G J Thangaraj, Allur	15	00
Mrs Sheila, Hyderabad	1	00
Mr E Thiagarajan, Hyd.	20	00
Mr & Mrs A C Salins, Mulky	10	00
,, Livingston Kalyan. Basrur	10	00
,, A G N Duraisingh, Sec.	20	00
	386	00

North Tamil Area :

Ebnezer Aided School, Katpadi	36	00
Thro' Miss Arthur, Salem	245	00
Christ Church, Coimbatore	339	50
CSI Church ,,	230	15
Staff of V R V Girls' High School, Ranipet	97	00
CSI Zion Church, Dharmapuri	18	00
Thro' Miss Arthur, Salem	1600	00
Secretary, Coimbatore Brancr	1255	23
Voorhees College, Vellore	2000	00
Thro' Rev. D. Elias:		
Mr M Kumar	2	50
Dr Gurupatham, Salem	30	00
Mr E D Suna Pandian, Daarmapuri	5	00
Mrs Roy Lazarus, Salem	20	00
,, Backiam, Elathagiri	10	00

Mr G Murugesan, Bavanisagar	5	00
St Luke Church, Pondichery	4	20
St John's Church, ,,	75	00
Dr Abraham Daniel, Salem	50	00
,, Y Samuel Charles, Ranipet	30	00
Mr T Lawrence, Kockanoor	15	00
,, T Inbaraj, Kockanoor	10	00
,, P Kanagaratnam ,,	3	00
,, S Kanagaratnam ,,	3	00
,, J Dhanaraj ,,	9	00
,, A Isaac Newton, ,,	15	00
,, P V Mathew, Connoor	20	00
Jessie Samuel, Katpadi	10	00
Mrs Gowri Ammal, Dharmapuri	2	00
Miss Mercy Samuel, Coonoor	20	00
Mr P M Daniel ,,	20	00
Mrs Isabella Charles, Vellore	15	00
Rev C S Paulraj, Dharmapuri	5	00
Mr D Prabakaran, Kockanoor	8	00
Miss K A Ananthai, Erode	30	00
Mr John Sampath Ranipet	20	00
,, Kingslee Thomas, Kockanoor	10	00
,, Navajothimani Lazarus, Katpadi	100	00
Mrs Rajammal, Nedunangad	10	00
Mr D L Sundararaj, Nilgris	20	00
Mrs Pramila Theodore, Vellore	10	00
Mr C J Samuel, Ranipet	5	00
,, L R Ebenezer, Katpadi	18	00
Mrs A Thambusamy, Vellore	6	00
Dr S P Sugunaseelan, Kanchi	31	05
	6467	63

South Tamil Area:

Medhodist Girls' High School, Trichy-3	96	90
Thro' Mr Vedanayagam, CSI Church, Tiruvarur	77	00
Thro' Mrs Rosalind Herbert, Trichy	32	00
Mr Frederick Sathiaraj Golenrock	38	00
Thro' Mrs Aruliah, Trichy	90	00
Duthie High School, Nagercoil	100	00
Thro, Mr George Ponniah, Karur	100	00
,, ,, D P Singaram, Trichy	40	00
,, ,, T Samuel, Thanjavur	160	00
,, Mrs G P Devsagayam, Negercoil	120	00
,, Mr P K Samuel, Nagai	154	50
,, ,, Y Packiamony, Nazareth	659	00
,, Mrs Annam Ponnusamy, Thanjavur—Sale	709	00

Thro' Mr. S. Solomon Rajayya, Thanjavur

Miss Kiruba Carunya Trichy	5	00
Mr Eden Alexander, Trichy	5	00
Mr Solomon Rajayya	101	00
Mrs Alga Sehar	5	00
,, Prema	5	00
Miss Alice	15	00
Mrs Jabaseeli Josephus	10	00
Mrs E R Jeya Raj	9	00
Miss Alice	5	00
Mr D J Paulraj, Virudhunagar	30	00
,, D Ebenken, Nagercoil	15	00
,, S J Abraham, Kulithalai	30	00
,, G H Clarence, Cuddalore	20	00
,, C J Antony, Pudukottai	9	00
Mrs Lily Abraham, Kulithalai	6	00
Miss Kiruba Abraham, ,,	3	00
Master Jebakumar, ,,	3	00
Selvi Paulina, ,,	3	00
Mr Edward Devavaram, Trichy	10	00
Dr Mrs Monsingh, ,,	10	00
Rev M D Rajamony, Dohnavur	5	00
Mr S R Kanagamani, Tirunavalur	4	50
Mrs Easther Rajendran, Trichy	28	00
Mr H V Paulraj, Pudukottai	5	00
,, V J Kamalaselvi, Trichy	10	00
,, Devavaram, Sivakasi	3	00
,, H Thangaswamy, Dindigul	5	00

Thro' Mr. John Victor, Pattukottai:

Mr I John Victor	20	00
Mrs Lucy Jesudian	4	00
Mr Matturam Moses	1	00
Mrs Martia Luke	2	00
Mr V P Balraj	2	00
,, Isaac S Sargunam	3	00
Mrs Chelakan George	1	00
Mr S Christudoss Pandian	1	00
,, J M Moses	1	00
Mrs Hepzi Barkar	2	00
,, K Grace Alice Thomas	1	00

Mr I John Victor	5	00
,, V P Balraj	1	00
,, Isaac Sargunam	1	00
Mrs Lucy Jesudian	80	00
,, Chellakkan George	1	00
Mr S Chritudoss Pandian	1	00
,, Eric Sahayam, Tirupattur	10	00
,, P Samuel Jayaseelan, Trichy	25	00
Mrs Mercy Devasahaym, Thenthiruperai	10	00

Thro' General Secretary :

	79	77
Karur Collections	33	50
Mrs T Williams, Nagercoil	50	00
,, Jeyabai Samuel, Karur	5	00
Mr S Justus, Trichy	10	00
,, T Edwin Samuel, Mettur	10	00
,, A N D Navamony, Sawerpuram	10	00
,, C Jebamony, Trichy	10	00
,, T Chellaiah, Tanjore	12	00
,, Edward Devavaram	10	00
,, S Justus, Trichy	20	00
Mrs Jeyabai Samuel, Karur	5	00
	3161	17

Madras City :

Meenambakkam Pastorate, Madras	280	00
CSI Missionary Chapel, Madras	75	00
Bain School, ,,	366	00
Bentinck Girls, High School, Madras	51	00
Ashoknagar Pastorate	100	00
Wesley Church, Royapettah	100	00
St Lukes Church, Mandaiveli	50	00
St Thomas Tamil Church, Madras 4	100	00
CSI Kodambakkam Church, Madras	100	00
Thro' Mr G Thomas Bauliah	467	00
,, Mrs Joy Pandian	98	50
,, Mr G Alfred Vetharaj	401	00
,, ,, J F Davaraj	420	50
,, ,, Jayaraj Isaac	309	00
,, Mrs Aruna Dorairaj	1349	00
Mr S Dharmaraj	1131	00
,, R Joseph	627	00
,, S P Jayavelu	295	50
,, S Owen	333	50
,, S S Samuel	570	00
Mrs K Gnanabharanam	258	00
,, G Kesari	190	00
Mr J Daniel	554	00
,, Y M D Dhanaraj	71	00
,, P C Arumainayagam	625	00
,, John Devasirvatham	286	00
,, P G Dowie	39	00
Mr J S Kadirvelu	6	00
,, N M Duraisingh	5	00
Joshua Thangaraj	12	00
Mr W Prakash	9	00
Dr Jayapaul Azariah,	30	00
,, G S Davies	30	00
Mr & Mrs G Isaac Sathiaraj	40	00
,, J E Nelson Isaac	30	00
Mrs Vijaya Jayakumar	5	00
Mr & Mrs A Timothy	16	00
Mr P M Ambrose	10	00
,, D S Luther	60	00
,, P Koilpitchai	20	00
,, E Lazarus	11	00
,, S Rajamohan	10	00
,, Jayaraj Isaac	5	00
,, E C Harris	20	00
,, A T Benjamin	31	00
Mr Ambrose Jayasekaran	20	00
,, G Zacharia	25	00
Mr. Dulees Singh Samuel	65	00
Mr G H David	25	00
Mrs Chellappa	25	00
Mr Samuel Raj	5	00
,, J Sundararaj	50	00
,, R K Theodore	5	00
Prof J D Asirvatham	15	00
Mr M S Christian	3	00
,, S Francis Sundararaj	10	00
,, S J Thangiah	5	00
,, Alwyn Paul	5	00
,, C Solomon	10	00
,, David Balasundaram	5	00
,, K Rajan Dorairaj	15	00
Mr D R Jayasingh	11	86
,, R B Andrews	5	00
,, S Arthur Singh	25	00
,, G E Joseph	12	00
Mrs J C Jesudasan	6	00
Mr Francis Dawson	15	00
,, G Solomon	100	00
Mr Kanagamani	5	00
,, K Isaac for Mr L Dass	10	00
Mr & Mrs Daniel Devanesan	10	00
Mr Baskaran	1	00
Mr & Mrs Samuel Raj	10	00
Mr J A Cyrus	1	00
Dr N J Simon	20	00
Mrs Titus	20	00
Mr C Paul	5	00
,, V Basker Immanuel	10	00
,, M Obed Peace David	400	00
,, D C A Samuel	4	00

,, A George	20	00
,, John Paul	2	00
,, Job Arnold	5	00
,, T Dharmaraj	3	00
Mrs Arul Thangiah	5	00
Mr Wilson Samuel	15	00
,, Devananda	2	00
,, Bose	10	00
,, S Barnabas	30	00
,, A Jeyaraj	4	00
Dr E P Eapen	50	00
Mr R K Theodore	5	00
,, T Edwin	15	00
Dr Miss D Brinda	50	00
Major A David	50	00
Mr J Cyril Raj	100	00
Mrs Ivy Alex	15	00
Mr P H Pandian	5	00
,, Bannett	5	00
,, Suvishesha Muthu	20	00
,, Wenceslavs Paul	12	00
,, J S Cyrus	1	00
Mr & Mrs Bhaskar B Isaac	1	00
Mr B Edwin Samuel	5	00
Rev R T Bhaskaran	24	00
Mr Andrew Tennyson Abraham	3	00
,, G D Samuel	5	00
Sam Jebadurai	1	00
Mr J R Rajendran	10	00
,, J A Lazarus	2	00
,, Devasahayam	5	00
,, M E Amirtharaj	10	00
,, David	2	00
,, Elias James	3	00
Mrs H S Devadoss	5	00
,, S Richard	2	00
Dr Isaac Vedamuthu	100	00
Mr E I Jeevarathinam	12	00
,, S John Sam	2	00
,, G Packiaraj	10	00
,, A L Barnabas	15	00
,, J E Samuel	2	00
Mrs Prema Selvanayagam	15	00
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,, B Isaac	10	00
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Thro' Mr. Ashwal :

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Mr A C Clare	50	00

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Mr A T Salis	30	00
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Mr Ajay Khalkho, Bilaspur	5	00
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Miss Dorris Hemalatha Salins, Bombay	100	00
Mr Mohan M Sundaram, Malaysia	100	00
Dr Rajasingh, J R Coimbatore	100	00
Late Mrs Stella Moses, Ms	100	00
Mr David Muttalageri, Harihar	100	00
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Miss Prabha Emmeline Jacob, Calicut	100	00
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Mrs H Jacob Mannar	30	00
Mr A Sobnam,	130	00
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,, T Thangarajan, Ms	28	70
Thro' Mr. J. John Devasirvatham	21	43
Mr Ponraj Solomon	7	00
,, A James A David	12	22
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,, Kanagaraj	5	00
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Mr & Mrs Cecil Dorairaj	25	00
Mr & Mrs Simon Sundararaj	5	00
Mr John Devasahayam	50	00
Mrs Lilly Kutty Samuel	5	00
Mr Thamby Joseph	5	00
St John's Church, Vellore	100	00
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Mr G Solomon, Madras	1000	00
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Jawadhi Hills:

St Paul's Church, Ms-7	1500	00
Kanyakumari Prayer Band	1050	56
Veerapanoor Project	775	20
Director, VBS, Bangalore	171	50
Mr A J Arnold, Madras-10	75	00
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Treasurer, Trivandrum Branch	2100	00
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NEW CHAPEL AT JAMNAMARATHUR (Jawadhi Hills) DEDICATED ON 17-4-1977

"God ruleth on high, Almighty to save;
And still he is nigh, His presence we have;
The great congregation His triumph shall sing,
Ascribing salvation To Jesus our King."

PRAYER

Oh God, our Father, we thank Thee for Thy Grace in revealing Thy nature through Thy only begotten Son, our Saviour Lord Jesus Christ, who though ascended still remains as active participant and guide in our daily life. Help us, Oh Lord, to run our appointed course faithfully and to commit our spirit into Thy hands, through Lord Jesus Christ, our Saviour, Amen.

MEDITATION

Act. 7:56. "Behold I see the heaven opened and the Son of Man standing on the right hand of God."

This is the season between Easter and Penticost, during which our meditation not only rests with the resurrected Lord but also with the ascended Christ, whom we expect to return. Our thoughts often circle round our resurrected Lord and His acts. In the martyrdom of St. Stephens, we have the glimpse of our resurrected Lord in his vision. What is He doing?

1) **God of action.** A God who is ready to act. The usual conception as per the creeds and text is that Jesus sat on the right hand of God, which gives an idea of a resting Lord; but it was revealed to St. Stephen that He is a God who never rests but acts and is ready to help. He was standing by the right hand of God ready to act.

2) **Sharing in our suffering and happiness.** He is a Lord who shares in the suffering of His faithful ones. Our Lord in His life time has shared with His people in their sorrows, crises and in the happy occasions, such as, wedding. Here in the Stephen's vision He reveals to us that the ascended Lord is one who shares in our joy and sorrow.

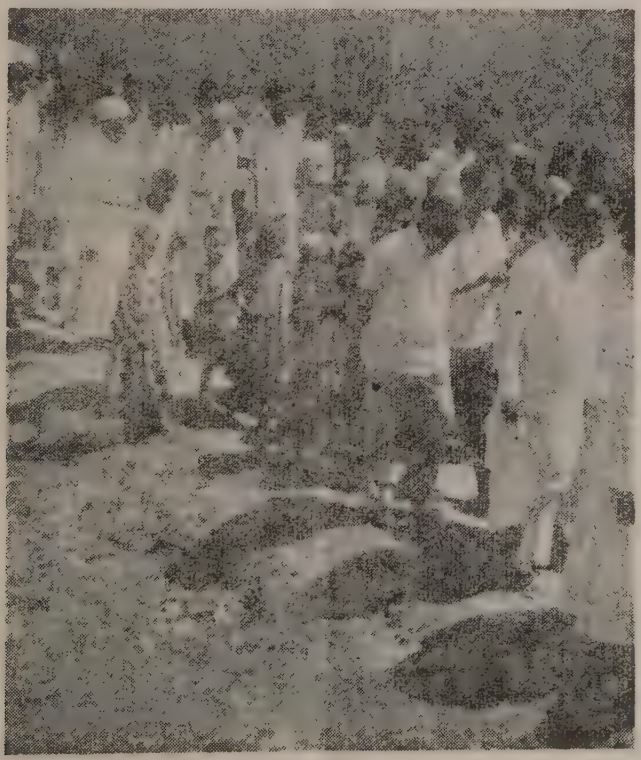
3) **Receiver of the faithful ones.** He is the Lord, who receives his faithful ones at the end of the course of their lives, Our Lord, when He died on the Cross of Calvary committed His spirit into His Father's hands. Stephen follows the same and the Lord was ready to receive his spirit and to hear his prayers.

So, the ascended Lord is not one, who had gone far away from us to be up there and rests till His second coming, but He is ever active by participating in our daily life and in the consummation of our world life. In the evangelistic task of the Society we experience that our Lord is active participant as He promised to be with us always.

EDITORIAL

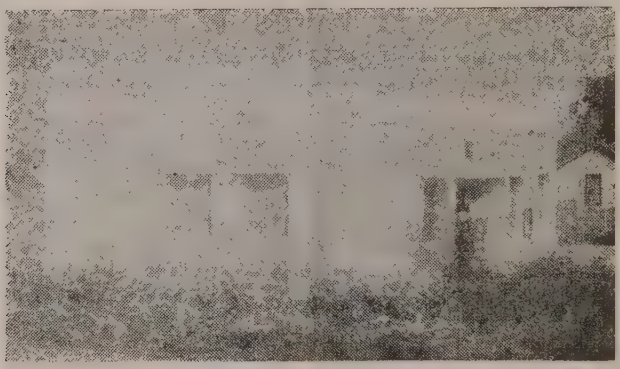
Dedication of the Newly Built Chapel at Jamnamarathur in Jawadhi Hills

Members were informed in the previous issue of the National Missionary Intelligencer about the dedication service, which was held on 17th April, 1977. All arrangements were made by the Missionary-in-charge, Rev. Paul Sanjeevi with the cooperation of his fellow-workers. The General Secretary arrived at Jamnamarathur a day before and had a meeting with the workers on the 16th night, as a preparation for the dedication service to be held the next day. About 7 from Madras, 5 from Tiruppattur, a music party from I.E.L C. at Alangayam, about 40 people from Vellore and the local Christians, who are from different places of the hills, attended the service.



Procession

The Vellore team arrived at about 10-30 a.m. They were met at the border of Jamnamarathur and the Bishop Henry Lazarus who was with them, by the already assembled crowd. The procession started from there, went through the main street of Jamnamarathur and reached our compound. As already announced, Bishop Henry Lazarus, our Acting President, dedicated and unveiled the name stones fixed at the gate. Then he proceeded to the dispensary building within the compound and dedicated the dispensary building and unveiled the tablets placed in MEMORY OF THE DONOR, LATE DR. MRS. SHEILA KAMATH nee THAMBIAH.



Dispensary

After a short break of 15 minutes, the procession proceeded towards the church in the compound. First, they assembled in the thatched-church, which was the church for Jamnamarathur. After prayers by Rev. Gnanasundaramani, procession proceeded and went round the church. The church was opened by the Bishop. He also unveiled the tablet laid in honour of the donor in the church. The whole assembly entered into the church and the dedication service was conducted by the Bishop.

Rev. Joseph John offered the opening prayer and the Bible reading was done by Rev. Isaiah, Pastor of the I.E.L.C. church at Alangayam. Then, the Bishop lighted the dedication lamp and dedicated the church and blessed the Cross that was fixed on the wall. It was an inspiring simple service.

After the service there was a public meeting and the local invitees also participated. The tribal children gave items and our senior convert Mr. Jacob Andi bore witness and a Hindu

The Cross on the Wall
&
Holy Communion Table

Dedication Service

tribal woman bore witness to our Lord as to how she was healed by the worker's prayer. The Vellore friends gave us a special offering of Rs. 175/-. On behalf of the Society, we thank all those friends who attended the function. We praise God, who enabled us to build a chapel and dispensary in Jamnamarathur, Jawadhi Hills, in memory of late Dr. Mrs. Sheila Kamath nee Thambiah, who died in England on 4th August, 1971, by the generous donation by Dr. Mrs. L. Thambiah and her son Dr. A. S. Thambiah. We are grateful to both of them. We are very grateful to Mr. R. S. Victor of Chrithukula Ashram at Tiruppattur who was responsible for building the dispensary and the chapel at Jamnamarathur Our thanks are also due to Karubeem Isaacs, who presented the Dedication Lamp. We appreciate the missionary and his colleagues for their efforts to make all the arrangements. We are also thankful to Mrs. Elias, who was present with us and helped us in the function.

An Appeal

The chapel stands as a *symbol of our hope* that one day the church will over-flow with tribal converts. In this field, the Government now takes much interest and the Roman Catholics are also doing much by way of social service. We are looking after the spiritual and medical need of the people. As the General Secretary was addressing the meeting, a thought arose in his mind *about the necessity for a bell and a concrete tower so that the tolling of the bell will remind the tribal people, far and near Jamnamarathur, "the call of Jesus" to come to Him. At present we have no funds. The friends in Madras City Area and friends from outside can pray and help us by generous contribution which would be of great help to call the tribal people to worship Jesus by the tolling of the bell.*

Revival of the N. M. S. Rural Christian Service Fellowship Camp

For the last 10 years we were thinking of reviving the most useful rural Christian service fellowship camp. But, due to want of funds and lack of friends, who would take initiative, we could not revive it, but prayers are continued. Many people have borne witness for the usefulness of the camp and their call for Christian ministry through this camp. At last God answered our prayers and we had a meeting of the old campers and we discussed about reviving the camp and it was suggested that instead of making a new effort, we can join

with the old campers who continue the scheme. So, the campers decided that the N. M S. can call for members to join the camp, which will be held from 19th to 29th of May at Tiruttani, Maddur and Arcot Kuppam. The readers and friends are invited to attend the camp. It may be difficult this year for the members to attend but this is only the beginning and so the members can get themselves prepared all through the year to take part in the fellowship camp in 1978.

Statement of Conversion and Call to Witness by Mr. Tahir Masih

Our Evangelist in Kashmir

I was a student in an Islamic school in Delhi. As I studied Koran, I found that Muslims have to believe in all books. It was telling only of the past. Fellow Muslims said that the Bible was an amendment made by the people on Koran. Therefore it was not worth reading or believing as a book of God. But, I found there was another book before Koran, i e. Bible. I studied the Bible, where I found what happened before Koran It was more acceptable to me Through the Bible I found the truth. But, because of the pressure and the hostility of my society, I remained silent. At the same time, by His grace, whatever Jesus instructed me to do, I obeyed and did.

Mr. Tahir Masih

In obedience to the call from my Lord, I realised that I have to bear witness to Him. I started to witness for my Saviour. This act of mine brought comfort and joy to me. As I believed in Jesus and realised my duty, I continued to preach and teach others too. It gave me more and more joy in my heart. I was very happy to work for my Lord which I did ever since my conversion The Lord gave me a chance to tell to my fellow-men in my own state through All Saints Church at Srinagar and through the National Missionary Society of India. Now, I got the opportunity as a full time evangelist to meet different kinds of people and talk to them about our Lord's grace and mercy. At

present, by His grace, 5 people are being prepared for baptism; one of them was received into the church by baptism in the All Saints Church on the Easter Day. I request the friends to pray for me that God may use me more and more to share the joy of heaven and to bring many into the fold of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Reports from Area Committees and Branches

Mr. R. Daniel, Secretary, Salem—Dharmapuri Area reports the following

N.M.S. SALE

March 12, 1977 was a glorious day in the history of the churches in Salem—Dharmapuri Area. On that day was, the first ever N.M S. Sale, held in the Christ Churh Parish Hall, Salem, at 3 p.m.

Rev. Sam Vedamuthu, the President of the Area Committee, presided and conducted the service. Rev. W C. David of the Christ Church offered prayer. Rev. A. John Jeyabalan of the Lechler Memorial Church read the lesson, Pastor A. Ephraim of the Siloam Evangelical Church, Salem gave an inspiring message based on Mark 12:44. Rev. D. Elias, who was also present gave a talk on the imperative need for the churches to send missionaries to preach the Gospel in unreached areas. After prayer and benediction by the President, the Sale began.

Pastor P. A. Abraham of the Siloam, Evangelical Church, Salem, opened the Sale by going round each stall contributing liberally. We are very grateful to Pastor P A. Abrahrm and his son Pastor A Ephraim for coming and helping the N.M.S cause.

The most gratifying thing about this Sale is not only the good collections, viz. Rs. 1,500/- made but also the enthusiasm and keen interest evinced by all the churches, especially, the Women's Fellowships, who were the backbone of the Sale, the Youth groups and the Pastorare Committees. Also the unstinted cooperation given by all the C S I. Elementary, Middle, High and Nursery Schools and the C.S I. Hobart Training Institute is commendable. Also the keen interest shown by the Christians of this City in coming in large numbers and taking part in the Sale is something very encouraging. Many who took part in the Sale, including the Pastors have expressed the hope that this

Sale will be held annually. On behalf of the Area Committee, I thank all those who took part in the Sale and made it a grand success.

Praise the Lord.

R. Daniel,
Secretary, Salem-Dharmapuri Area

TIRUVALLA

Mr. K. Chandy, Secretary of the Tiruvalla Branch of the N.M.S. reports that the annual meeting was held at the Salvation Army Hall on 24—1—1977 at 5-30 p m. The Most Rev. Dr. Alexander Mar Thoma, Metropolitan of the Mar Thoma Syrian Church, presided. Mr. P. S. George welcomed the gathering and a very large number of pastors representing various denominations and N.M.S. prayer cells of Tiruvalla and the supporters attended the function The Rt. Rev. K. N. Oman, Bishop, Evangelical Church of India led the opening prayer. In the introduction, the Metropolitan emphasised that the N.M.S. is giving a very valuable opportunity for all denominations to make a joint effort in the evangelisations in our mother land. The Rev. K. G. S. Dorairaj, General Secretary of the N.M.S., Organising Secretary, The Rev. J M. Jayasingh, ex-N M.S. Missionary Mr. K.V. Cherian, our N.M S. Evangelists, in Nepal, Mr. & Mrs. Abraham were present. Mr. Chandy presented the annuul report of the branch and said the local branch should support one missionary in Jawadhi Hills. After closing remarks by the Chair, the Rt. Rev. Esou Mar Timotheos offered the closing prayer followed by benediction by the Metropolitan.

Report from Mr. Paul Singh, Organising Secretary for North India

Mr. Paul Singh, our Org. Secretary, North India writes that he visited Ajmer, Beawar, etc. and contacted friends He received a good welcome and as already reported he got good support from Rajasthan. He also visited Jaipur and Jodhpur and other places. He also visited Bharathpur and spent a day trying to revive the branch there and he also visited Agra, contacted the branch office-bearers and spoke in the Mar Thoma service held in St. George's church. He also visited Rev. K. V. Philip, who helped him to get response from the supporters.

Deputation by Rev. & Mrs. J. M. Jayasingh in Bombay

Rev. J. M. Jayasingh, Organising secretary of Tamil Nadu, who was doing deputation work till the beginning of May '77 reports that he addressed meetings and contacted both Tamil and Malayalam Christians in Bombay. His wife Mrs. Jayamathi Jayasingh also helped him by participating in the meetings by singing and addressing them. The Tamil branch at Bombay, who are supporting the Andaman work, showed interest and the Organising Secretary appealed to them for increased support. We are thankful to Rev. & Mrs. Harris for kindly extending hospitality to Rev. & Mrs. J. M. Jayasingh during their stay in Bombay.

Report from Mr. J. P. Ashwal

Mr. J. P. Ashwal, our Organising Secretary for West India reports that at the branch meeting held at Mangalore on 15—2—1977, the following members were appointed to collect funds for the Society:

Balamatta Church	Rev. E. S. Hans,
Gorigudda	Mr. George A. Soans.
Mercara Hill.	Mr. Sarvathama Jathanna
Jeppu church	Mr. A. Soans.
Bockapatna church	Miss Ashalata Hertman, under guidance of Rev. T. P. Jathanna.
Padambur, Ashoknagar. Kanhangad, Nileshwar,	Mr. M. N. Supalithen.
Mangalore Town.	Mr. Manohar Karkada for Sikkin centre.

REPORTS FROM THE FIELDS

Nepal—Baitadi :

The New Centre in the unreached place in the Western Nepal is fixed at Baitadi—Nepal. It is a hill station near Jhulaghat. U.P. It has a population of 3,000 people including the Nepali Army Personnel. It is a growing town with a Nepali High School and it is a business centre for the Area. As usual, as per the political situation in the country the work has to be carried on under the cloak of medical work. Since our new evangelist Mr. Dhan Bahadur Pun was a lab Assistant in the Pokra Hospital in Nepal, he can help people in their need by giving medical assistance. It is reported that in the new centre, the cost of living is high and things are dear. Though the situation is rather difficult, the Puns are happy to be there on Lord's call with faith that God would provide. Friends are requested to pray for Mr. & Mrs. Dhan Bahadur Pun and their venture.

Dhan B. Pun

Our honorary worker Mr. Lal Bahadur Rana reports that he visited the villages about 5 miles about from his native village, Mangalpur, Bethbondi Teka in Nepal. He had individual contacts with the people and sold Gospels and distributed literature. He participated in the Pastors conference held at Raxaul and was able to contact Christian friends. He is in need of Hindi books. He is regularly visiting and contacting people around Butwal.

Sikkim :

Our Missionaries to Sikkim, Mr. & Mrs. Abraham and their daughter are in the process of leaving to Sikkim and for the present they have fixed their head-quarters at Gangtok, the capital of Sikkim. Ever since Mr. Abraham and the General Secretary visited Sikkim, Gangtok had undergone a great change and grown to be a big City and the missionary will be starting his ministry of evangelisation during May. Friends are requested to pray for them. They confront some problems regarding the education of their children. Friends are requested to pray that God may guide them in tackling these problems.

V. T. Abrahams

Jawadhi Hills: Regular work in all the centres have been repoted.

Nadanur: Centre was visited by the eye doctor from Vellore with spectacles and contacted the people, tested their eyes and presented them with spectacles. **Miss Saramma** the nurse at Nadanoor writes that she had treated 211 patients and most of them suffered from flu and head-ache. Gospel was also presented to these patients. *As already appealed to the readers in the last issue of the N.M I. this young woman works all alone in the far interior centre. She needs a companion. So, there is a need for a Bible woman to accompany her and to help her in her work by presenting the Gospel. So, members are requested to pray for a Bible woman.*

Miss. Saramma George

Mrs. Esther Robertson, another nurse, reports that she was called to a village 5 miles away from Jamnamarathur to attend a difficult confinement case. Praise to God that it was a safe confinement. She also reported last time that she could not go alone to villages around. If there is help, she would be able to do much work Now Jamnamarathur is being concentrated by the Government by opening a hospital. There is a nurse in the hospital; but, yet this call on Mrs. Easther Robertson shows the confidence of the people in her medical work. *So, it is necessary to continue our medical work; but, here too, if a Bible woman can join her in her trip to villages, it would be good and a great help for presenting the gospel to the women-folk.*

Expression of gratitude: Mr. S. Gnanamuthu, our evangelist at Nadanoor writes that one Chinnian came to him twice and offered 15 and 30 paise respectively as thank-offering to Jesus, for He heard his prayers This reveals the silent working of the Gospel in the minds of the hill people.

Mr, Paulian who works at Jamnamarathur with the missionary, Rev. Paul Sanjeevi, writes that one Mr. Chinnakulandai Goundar was being much disturbed because of the evil spirits that haunted his family; but after having faith in Lord Jesus and after having read the Bible in his house, these things stopped. He requests friends to pray for Chinnakulandai Goundar.

Veerappanur: We are happy to hear that a team of three people were sent by the Home Church, Nagercoil, Kanyakumari Diocese visited Veerappanur. We await the report from them.

Gundalathur: Our worker in Gundalathur, Mr. James Meyyan, reports that he was ill; but, now by God's grace, he is all right and attends to his work. *There is an urgent need for a patromax light for conducting night school. People are regularly attending without a patromax light. It is very difficult to help them Mr. James Meyyan is a talented worker in playing harmonium. The tribal people are interested in music. So to reach them through the music, he needs a harmonium. Friends are requested to help the centre with a patromax light and a double harmonium.*

Malligachi—West Bengal: Mr. Panuel Sircar, our evangelist in Malligachi, West Bengal, writes that *Sri Suriyakumar Chakravarthy from Khurigachi and Smt. Mammata Choudhry from Malligachi presently living in Birlapur have taken baptism at the Uluberia Mission Church.* One *Miss Kamala Sen* and Gopesh have been troubled by evil spirit. Now, they sing hymns and read Bible and pray at home. *Their trouble ceased.* Prayers are requested for these two friends to grow in faith. The school children, both boys and girls from Malligachi, Panchgachi, Dafrepur are attending the morning classes The college students, Chander Roy is also getting the help of the evangalist in his studies. Tract are distributed. As already reported, the house at Malligachi needs Rs. 5,000 for urgent repairs as per estimate of West Bengal area committee. So, friends are requested to pray and help for these things

Dabra—M.P. Mr. A. B. David, Secretary of the NMS branch, Jhansi, writes the following concerning **Rev. Edwin Sherring's** work, Rev Sherring visits the surrounding villages like Ranipur, Meeranipur, Marthadilla etc, and contacts people of other faiths. He received letters from the non-Christians. One such letter is from a Hindu—Punjabi, who lives in Bhopal and the other 5 from Tikangash. He met these people and gave them portions of New Testament and prayed with him. *The Bhopal gentleman Sri Prambir Singh received New Testament in Urudu and his wife in Hindi. They are reading the Gospel eagerly. Friends are requested to pray for these people. There was another Hindu, who stayed with the missionary for sometime reported that he was relieved of his mental worries and got peace by his association with the Missionary's family and their prayers. He was also presented with a New Testament by the Missionary. He works with the educated people.*

Andamans:

The Rev. Joseph Wilson writes that he regularly visits people of different languages, viz. Bengali, Ranchi, Telugu, Tamil, Malayali, and he was happy to inform us that a lady with two children came to Christ and they were baptised on the Palm Sunday, picture of those people will be published later We thank God for the lady and the two children, who have accepted Christ as their Saviour. Friends are requested to pray for them.

OBITUARY

We regret to inform the friends of the N.M.S. that Lt. Col. S. Paul, retired Principal of the Engineering College, Madras, and a very long-standing supporter of the N M.S., passed away on the 8th May, '77. By his death, the N.M.S suffers a great loss by missing his participation in the activities of the Society in general and in the N.M.S. sale in particular. We pray that God may grant the necessary consolation and assurance of His presence to Mrs. Paul and the children and grand-children. May God grant eternal joy of His fellowship to our departed friend.

REQUEST FOR THANKSGIVING

1. For the dedication service of the chapel and dispensary at Jamnamarathur in Jawadhi Hills. held on 17th April, '77 by Bishop Henry Lazarus, our Acting President. It was a nice, simple and inspiring service well-attended by friends of the N.M.S.

2. For answering to our prayers in healing the sick and helping the needy. Specially, we thank God for the recovery of Dr. K. Kurien of Dindigul.

3. For guiding Mr. Tahir Masih to accept Christ and to urge him to bear witness and for his service and for the converts who were baptised at All Saints Church, Srinagar (Jammu & Kashmir State).

4) For the converts, viz., Sri Suriyakumar Chakravarthy from Khurigachi and Smt. Mammata Choudhry from Malligachi, who were baptised at Uluberia Mission Church, West Bengal.

5. For the recovery of Mr. A. H. Khan, the U. P. Area Committee Secretary.

6. For the successful deputation by Rev. J. M. Jayasingh, Mr. Paul Singh and Mr. J. P. Ashwal, in their respective Areas.

7. For the N.M.S. branches, which are very active by their prayers and enhancing the support to the Society, especially the Kanpur Branch, the U. P. branch and the Salem-Dharmapuri Area Committee.

PLEASE PRAY

1. For the progressive work in the areas of Malligachi, West Bengal and at Kashmir and for the converts to grow more and more in His grace and in the knowledge of Christ.

2. For God may give us fruits in Jawadhi Hills, where we realise that the Gospel is working silently as salt and laven in the lives of the tribal people and that God may grant rich harvest so that the newly built church at Jamnamarathur may be filled with tribal converts.

3. For a bell and concrete piller tower at Jamnamarathur so that the tolling of the bell may remind the tribal people the call of our Lord through our evangelists to share the joy of salvation.

4. For two Bible women in Jawadhi Hills to work with the nurses and also for their support.

5. For all Centres so that the work carried on there be fruitful to the glory of God.

6. For the new work in Western Nepal by Mr. Dhan Bahadur Pun.

7. For Sikkim work and for our evangelists, Mr. & Mrs. V. T. Abraham

8. For Bageshwar people, who may respond to the Gospel.

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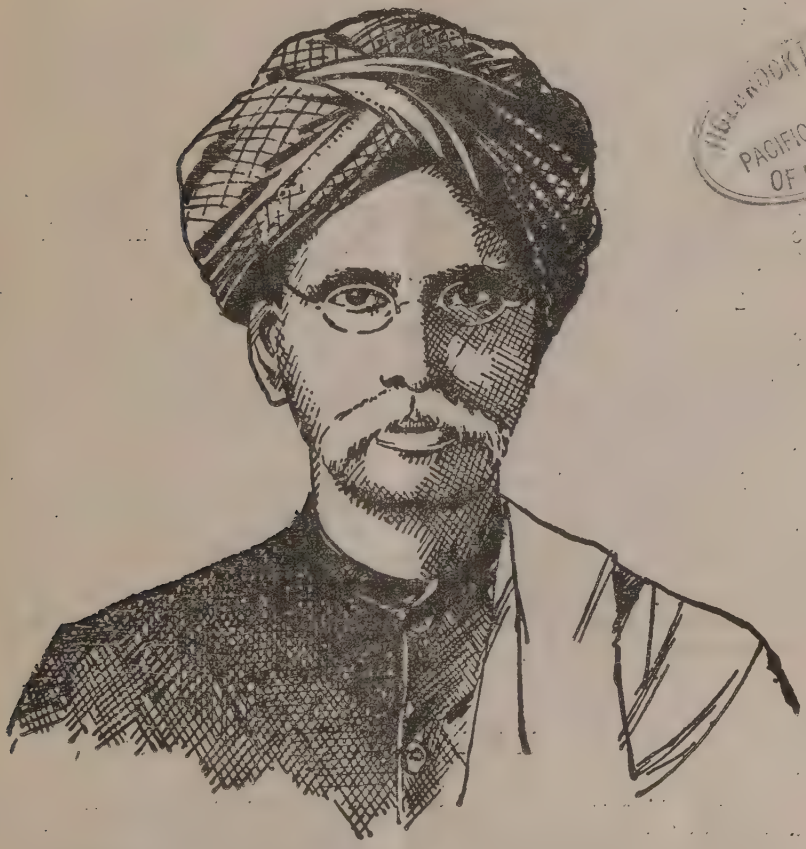

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CHRISTAVA KAMBAR HENRY ALBERT KRISHNA PILLAI
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A convert from Vaishnavism—A poet compared with the great Epic writer Kambar

MEDITATION

"Ye are the salt of the earth"—St. Math. 5:13

Jesus Christ calls us to be the salt of the world where we live. In the ancient world, salt was highly valued. The Greeks called salt "divine". We find three special qualities connected with salt.

1. In the olden days salt was connected with *purity*. In the sacrificial offerings salt found a place. If the Christian is to be the salt of the earth, he must be an example of purity. In the present days we find lowering of standards. Standards of honesty, standards of diligence in work, standards of conscientiousness and moral standards, all tend to be lowered. The Christian must be the person who holds aloft the standard of absolute purity in speech, in conduct and even in thought. He cannot withdraw himself from the world, but he must "keep himself unspotted from the world" (James 1:27).

2. In the ancient world, salt was the commonest of all *preservatives* It was used to keep things from going bad and rotten. Salt preserves from corruption. A Christian must have a certain anti-septic influence on life. He must be the person who by his presence, deteats corruption and makes it easier for others to be good.

3. Salt lends *flavour* to things. Food without salt is sadly insipid. Christianity is to life, what salt is to food. Christianity lends flavour to life. Men need to discover the lost radiance of the Christian faith. In a worried world the Christian should remain serene. In a depressed world he should be full of joy of life. Wherever he lives, he is to be the salt of the earth the diffuser of joy.

S. T.

EDITORIAL

As a National Missionary Society of India, we are very proud and congratulate the Madras Diocese of the Church of South India, for celebrating the Hundred and Fiftieth Birth-day Anniversary of late Mr. H. A. Krishna Pillai, who is not only a convert and a poet but one who had tried to express his experiences of Christ and his understanding of Him in poems. Therefore, we have his great work "RAKSHANYA YATHRIGAM"—the story, is of the Pilgrim's Progress-in the Indian way. His poems are equal to the great Epic writer in Tamil, KAMBAR.

The value was first recognised by the Hindus and In our College days we celebrated his day in U.T.C. The whole arrangement for the celebration was made by Prof. Sathyasactchi, the Head of the Tamil Faculties in Madras Christian College.

The reason for writing this is that as we being a Nationnl Missionary Society we have a duty to bring forth the Christian talents to be recognised by the Hindus. There might have been poets and Christian writers who equal the Hindu and other writers in various areas; because they belong to the Christian churches, they are not so recognised. It is our duty to bring them and their works to light and make others to read the literature. We would be glad if auybody would come forward to write a brief account of the writer as well as a brief estimate of the work, to enable us to publish the same in our bulletin.

A thing to be considered by the Executive Committee Members, the Branches, the Area Committees of the National Missionary Society of India

Dear Friends,

It had been the custom in our Society so far to arrange Executive Committee and the Triennial Conference in different parts of the country. The friends who invite us or who are requested to invite us, have to bear the cost of arrangements for lodging and boarding, which usually costs not less than Rs. 3,000/- to Rs. 4000/- Now, as the Area Committees have increased and so the membership also have increased, it will cost not less than Rs. 5000/- and for the travel the Society has to meet the actual travel expenses of the Committee Members and Triennial Council Member, which will easily come to another Rs. 5000/- So, the total expenditure comes to Rs. 10,000/- for the Triennial Council. I have been writing to friends to arrange for the Triennial, as suggested by the last Executive Committee and Triennial Conference. But, the cost of managing things make them feel that they cannot manage it themselves. So, one suggestion from one Area Committee to which I approached, as per the direction of the Executive Committee, is that unless all share the expenditure they cannot manage. So, it must be considered by the Executive Committee, Area Committees and Branches and I would be grateful if the members could write and express their valuble opinion so that it can be discussed in the next Standing Committee.

Awaiting your reply and cooperation,

Yours sincerely,

Sd. K. G. S. Dorairaj,

AN APPEAL

From the West Bengal Area Committee of the National Missionary Society of India, at CALCUTTA No. 23, Chowringhese Road, regarding *N,M.S. Centre at Malligachi.*

N M S House under bad repair

Our N. M. S. Field at Malligachi (Nabogram) was started few years back at the insistance of local people who came forward and donated 4 bighas of land on which the West Bengal Area Committee has built a small house which *needs urgent repairs before the rainy season* which is fast approaching. It is estimated that atleast Rs. 5,000/- will be required for repairing the roof, plastering, both inside and outside walls, and providing latrine and bathroom for our evangelist.

May we therefore, very earnestly request all our friends and members, iucluding the presbyters of the local churches in West Bengal and Calcutta to remember in the individual and collective prayers the evangelist work of the N.M S. and come forward with their voluntary donations and conributions to enable us to do the needful. Your remittances, cheques and drafts may very kindly be drawn in favour of our treasurer, Mr. M. N. Banerjee C/o The Bible Society of India, 23, Jawaharlal Nehru Rd., Calcutta, 700 013.

We need your constant prayers and co-operation.

Sd. A. J. Samuel, President
Sd. D. Mitra, Area Secy.

Reports and request for Prayer from the fields

Bihar—Our evangelist, Mr. A. H. Wahdi, reports that he visited Jana, Karah, Dhanchhi, Ramzanpur, Rajgir, Haranut, Karah, Asthawan, Gamaruddinganj, Mohni, Murora, Silao, Khandak, etc. places. In these places he preached and distributed literature and made personal contacts. He also met Mr. Y. K. Singh, who came to him in the early morning, held discussion with him and also read Bible with him. Mr. S. Mull joined him in the distribution of literature. He also held a group preaching at his residence.

Kashmir—Mr. Tahir Masih is our worker in Srinagar. His work is being supervised by the Presbyter Rev. Yonathan Paljor of the All Saints Church at Srinagar. the only church in the whole of Kashmir; he writes as follows: "One young lad has been prepared by Tahir Masih for baptism, and he had been baptised on 17th April, Sunday morning, just after the Holy Communion Service. He is preparing two more persons and I hope I will be able to baptise them some time in June '77. Please pray for them. He also contacts individually and if he finds that the persons are suitable, he pursues. He continually goes to his place and does the teaching."

Mr. Tahir Masih

Convert
Nazurul Maish

We also learn from his report, Mr. Tahir Masih, in addition to attending the Sunday services at All Saints Church, visits places in and around Srinagar. In a place called Frisil, some people instigated the people against him saying that he is spreading Christianity. He distributes literature and also sold one New Testament.

West Bengal—Our worker, Mr. Panual Sircar, whose report has been forwarded by Mr. D. Mitra, Secretary, West Bengal Area Committee, reports as follows:- "Shri Prashad Maghi an inhabitant of Sreerampur, was suffering from asthma for twenty five years. One day I met him on a road. He was told about Lord Jesus, His crucifixion and salvation. While Mr. Panual Sircar was telling about Jesus, Mr. Prashad was

weeping. The evangelist asked him whether he wanted to be freed from the sickness and pain. Mr. Prashad replied 'yes'. The evangelist asked him—"Do you believe whether Jesus can heal you from the sickness"? Mr. Prashad with repentence said "yes, I do". On hearing this answer on the road itself he put his arm on his body and in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ he

Mr. & Mrs. Panual Sircar

Converts

prayed for his recovery. The next day, when the evangelist met him, he said that he was cured and was feeling better. He believes in Lord Jesus Christ and he is being prepared for baptism. He also reports that one Mr. Amalesh Mondal from Chotoghugnbush had received Lord Jesus as his personal Saviour and is getting preparation for baptism. He is strong in faith. Another youngman by the name of Sri Netaipada Gosh son of Sri Lalit Mohan Ghosh of Malligachi, was also baptised on Easter Sunday at Uluberia Mission Church.

We are happy to note that prayers had been answered and that the Bengal friends are taking active part in the Area Committee and in the management of the Malligachi centre by supervising the work there. We are also happy to hear encouraging reports of baptism, and conversion in that area. The two things make us feel that it is necessary to put the worker's house at Malligachi in good repairs. The appeal of the Area Committee for Rs. 5,000/- is reasonable and found elsewhere. Friends are requested to pray for this and to help the same.

Mr. & Mrs. D. B. Pun

Nepal—Baitadi. Mr. & Mrs. Dhan Bahadur Pun report that they have started work and are contacting people in the new centre. The work at present here is personal contact.

Mr. Lal Bahadur Rana reports of his regular visits to the villages and is contacting people around Mangalpur, his own native place.

Jawadhi Hills—Alleri, Mr. Jayaraj Samuel reports that Gospel is being received by the people. One day some woman saw something bright and red in the sky and one man said that it was Jesus. It is a great talk in the station. Mr. G. A. Raju has joined as the second worker in Alleri.

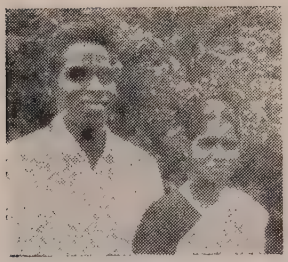
Alleri. Mr. Jayaraj Samuel

Thongumalai. Mr. I **Arumainayagam** writes, after his return from medical leave, he had visited around his centre Thongumalai and distributed scripture literature to the people. The V.B.S. works among the children.

Mr. I. Arumainayagam

Jamnamarathur. Rev. Paul Sanjeevi, missionary-in-charge writes that some new people are attending the church service. Sunday School is being conducted at Pakkumudaiyanur, Kollaikotai and in the Cheri colony with the help of Mrs. Elias. One Kancheepuram team has visited the centre and also visited the villages around.

Mr. Paulian reports that he visited Komuteri tribal settlement around Jamnamarathur and prayed with the people for the sick people among them. He also reports that he visited villages around Jamnamarathur and in the village Komuteri, one Chinnakulandai was not well and was suffering much. He went often there and prayed for him. He reports that he is improving and he wants prayers for this man.



Mr. & Mrs. Rajaian

Mr. P. Rajan from Athipet writes that he visited nearby villages and preached the Gospel. In Sindalur one Kulandai Gounder was hearing the Gospel with interest and asked for one new Testament. Two young girls, viz. Chinnakanni and Kamala, show interest and they are growing in faith in God. He requests prayers for these. Mr. Rajian's wife has gone for confinement to her native place. Please remember her for safe confinement.

Gundalathur. Mr. James Meyyan writes that he visited villages around his centre. In Amuttankollai, which has a population of 139 people and also Palamarathukottai, he preached the Gospel to the people, who heard it with interest. Prayers are requested for their needs.

Mr. & Mrs. James Meyyan

We have already appealed for the *urgent* need of the worker. viz., a patromax light and also a harmonium.

Kalyanamanthai. Mr. & Mrs. Victor work here. Mr. Victor requests that it has been an encouraging thing that though the older ones are negligent about the Gospel, two of the Good News Club girls are having faith in Christ and pray in their houses every day, in the midst of ridicule and mockery. The names of the two girls are L. Ratha and Malligha.

Mrs. Esther Robertson

Mrs. Esther Robertson from Jamnamarathur reports that she does medical aid and that she has helped the patients in bed and also by going about. She has visited a place two miles away with Mrs. Elias and prayed for a man, who was unable to walk. He is now improved and he walks about. Though the Government have opened a dispensary with a nurse and an ayah, the sick people prefer coming to the N.M.S. nurse, who is showing much concern for them.

Mrs. Elias

Veerappanur. Mr. Vedaraj Daniel reports that he attends the night school which is now improving and the people who attend the school come for worshipping also on Sundays. Mr. A. Thiraviam, our ex-worker who is now in the theological seminary was asked to go to the station to help Mr. Vedaraj Daniel for a month. He was there and had revived the work in the centre which had a set back under precious worker. So, the work is now increasing and improving. The worker needs a house. The supporters for the centre is the Nagercoil Home Church. They have visited the centre towords the end of April.

Sikkim The last letter we received from our workers Mr. & Mrs. V. T. Abraham, showed that they were moving to Sikkim.

V. T. Abrahams

They went to Katmundu and got the necessary documents from the Indian embassy to move to Sikkim with their things. But because of their ignorance, they did not get all the necessary certificates from Nepal foreign office and so they were detained at the border. We have not heard anything further from them. We hope that they would have reached Sikkim and if so, they would have planned to start work at Gangtok, the capital of Sikkim. Members are requested to remember the family in their prayers.

We just received the following information from the SIKKIM worker

We are very happy to inform our readers that in spite of some difficulties in their movements from Nepal to Sikkim, our workers, Mr. & Mrs. Abraham with their children have reached safely the capital town of Sikkim, viz. Gangtok. They have found a house, which is about 5 K.M. away from the town. The house rent is very high there. They demand Rs. 400 to 500/- p.m., which is more than our support for our two workers. As they have reached Gangtok, they experience heavy rains and the climate is quite different from Butwal which is at the foot ofthe Himalayas. But, with the deliberate hope and because of the experience gained in the past, they have cheerfully accepted the God's will to do His work in Gangtok. Members are requested to pray for them.

Andamans. We were surprised and at the same time happy to meet Rev. Joseph Wilson, our Missionary in Andamans, who called on us suddenly at the office on the 1st June, '77. He explained the situation that because of an urgent operation to be carried on his daughter he had to come. The urgency is said to be intimated to us by telegram and letter which never reached us so far. It is not unusual that the posts are being delayed between Andaman Islands and Main land. He informs us that regular service and prayer meetings are being carried on in his house at Diglipur in Andaman.

We are very happy to receive occasional Money Orders from the Christians of Andamans through his contacts. He is very anxious to reach Bengalis who are more in number as settlers than the other people of other regions from India. We have directed him, when he is free, to do deputation work in and around Guntur area during his stay in Andhra Pradesh. We have also intimated of his arrival to the President of the Andhra Evangelical Luthern Church. Members are requested to remember the daughter of Rev. Joseph Wilson, who has to undergo an operation in Guntur.

Members are requested to pray for the Conference of the Organising Secretaries to be held in Madras at head-quarters office from the 22nd to 26th June, '77.

General Secretary's visit to all the stations in Jawadhi Hills—from 6th to 12th June, 1977.

6-6-1977	Jamnamarathur, Kalyanamanthai & Athipet.
7-6-1977	Gundalathur & Veerappanur.
8 & 9-6-1977	At Nadanoor
10-6-1977	Thongumalai
11 & 12-6-1977	At Alleri
13-6-1977	Return to Madras

SECOND YOUTH CAMP

The Second Marthoma Youth Camp was held at Kumta from 2nd May to 4th May 1977 with the theme "CHRIST IS THE ANSWER TO THE PROBLEMS OF YOUTH TO-DAY". The first camp was held at Sharom Park, Mundugod in North Kanara during the annual visit of the Diocesan and Missionary Bishop the Rt. Rev. Philipose Mar Chrysostem. The moving spirit

behind the camp was Rev. K. G. Chocko, B.A., B.D., The main speaker was Mr. S. O. Victor, M.A.,M Ed. (Sanyasi). A Youth Committee was formed under the Presidentship of Bishop Tairumeni, who celebrated the Holy Communion service Many young men testified that they had received the Lord as their Personal Saviour. One was moslem.

The 2nd camp was held in Kumta in St. Thomas Church. Ladies were accommodated in ascension students centre and the men were put up in the church building. The main speaker was Miss Joy Jacob of Kolar Her messages were challenging. Catering was looked after by Mrs. George, Chinnamma and Ammini. Mrs. Paul Chinna showed films "Behold how good ..... bretheren to dwell in unity" Ps. 133-1.

K. T. George,
Kumta

GOOD NEWS

It is unique that Mr. Isaac Sathiaraj's family as a whole are all life-members of the Society. He has made it a point to make the incoming son-in-law, daughter-in-law and grand-son as participants in the spreading of the Gospel by making them as life-members of the Society.

On 26th May, 1977, Dr. Luke Mohandas Suthanthirarajan, who married his daughter Cheruba, was made as a life-member. On 30th May, 1977, his only son Mr. Ebenezer Anand Gnanamirtharaj married Cinthia Grace Premila, who was also made a life member. Life member certificates were presented to the bride-groom and the bride respectively, on the occasion of their marriage itself.

We pray that the couple who are made life-members a very happy blessed long wedded life and also we thank Mr. & Dr. (Mrs) Sathiaraj for their efforts to make the entire family missionary minded. We assure them our continued prayers.

OBITUARY

We regreat to inform the readers about the death of late Mr. Amirthavasagam, a member of the Wesley Tamil Church Pastorate, Broadway in the early hours of May 6th, 1977. He was a good friend of the N M S. and a good church member and he was able to help the Society. So, his loss was a loss to the Society and to the Church. Friends are requested to remember the members of the bereaved family in their prayers.

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BOOK REVIEW

Mr. Y. Packamoni, Asst. Professor of Margoschis College at Pillayarmani, Nazereth 628 617 (Tinnevelly Dt), has written a devotional book entitled "LOOK AT JESUS" "இயேசுவைப் பாருங்கள்", which contains 8 devotional topics easily readable and understandable. In his Forword, the Bishop in Tinnevelly recommended that it is a good book for devotion. We commend the book to our Tamil readers. The price of the book is Rs. 2.50/- per copy. Copies can be had from the author at the above address. If number of copies are ordered at a time, concession will be given.

ANNUAL SALE OF THE MADRAS N.M.S. AREA COMMITTEE

We would like to inform the readers that the Madras N.M.S. Sale will be held on 15th August, 1977. Friends are requested to remember the Annual Sale in their prayers.

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PRAYER

O, God! who re-established Thy relationship with man by the love revealed in Thy son, Jesus, help us to have the same love relationship with Thee through Thy son and thus to feel the inner urge to share Thy Gospel as an obligation to all people in this and in other countries through Thy son, our Saviour.—Amen.

MEDITATION

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments."

Our Lord in His parting message to His beloved desciples said the above words Thus, laying the foundation of the relationship between Himself and the people.

The divine and human relationship is based on love, not only the love of God to man but also the love of man to God through Jesus. This relationship existed between the man and his creator before man committed sin Jesus came into the world to re-establish this relationship. So He called His disciples as friends.

2. This relationship leads to **obedience and feeling of obligation** to our fellowmen. The love relationship between God and man leads us to love of fellowmen, and our obligation to the Society. "I command you to love one another" John 15: 17

3. **The obligation to fellowmen :** Our Lord commissioned the disciples to make disciples of all nations. This obligation is not enforced from outside but comes out as an urge from inside out of love for our God and our fellowmen. St. Paul gives expression to it in the epistle to Romans. 'I am under obligation both to Greeks and the Barbarians ' (I Cor. 9 Chap. 16th word) So, every christian who has the relationship with God based on love has the inner compulsion to share the joy of salvation with their fellowmen and this shows the obedience to our Lord's commission to 'go, make disciples.' N.M S. continues to make disciples because of the inner urge and obedience and relying on God and indegenous resources to this date.

What is your Participation in this great task?

EDITORIAL

This issue of the N.M.I. is a special issue of the Area Comittees and Branches of the N.M.S. of India. So far, this issue had been issued specially for the Madras City Area Committee. But this year, we are making it as a general Area Committee and Branch issue, with

the reports from Area Committees and Branches as far as we received.

We are thankful to all the Officers of the Area Committees and Branches and the members for the utmost efforts taken to fulfill the mission of our Lord in our country. The founders of N M.S. of India were not only urged by the appalling need of Evangelisation in our country but also very definitely said the Society should be indegenous in personal and money. They felt the responsibility for the souls of our Bharath should rest upon the Christians of this country." In spite of many difficulties in finance in the past, the Society was helped by God to be loyal to this object of the founders and so far without receiving any grant from any foreign body, it has been trying to fulfill the task.

Our workers are all drawn from different denominations and areas and this makes the Society's work true to its name and object of the founders as *national*. Hence, the N M.S. of India is a Missionary Society with a difference from other missionary Societies because it was founded by the urge of God in the minds of the Christian young men and it was run by true faith in God as per the motto, "**Expect great things from God. Attempt great things for God.**" Keeping this true to the nature of the Society, it is indigenous in support and efforts.

In recent years, the Society's work has increased. In this year alone, we have opened two new centres viz., Baitadi and Sikkim.

While thanking the Officers of the Area Committees, Branches and individuals for their ceaseless efforts to help the Society to be self-sufficient with indegene nature, we place before the members that it is generally felt that our stipends to the missionaries should be enhanced due to ever increasing cost of living in the country. **They have to exist and they have to educate their children, So, may I, on behalf of the N M S. of India request all the area Committees and Branches and individual friends to kindly consider this and enhance the support at least by 25%. We wish all the Area Committees all success in these efforts.**

We assure you all of our prayers.

NMS Madras City Area Committee

The City Area Committee having been formed 15 years ago was intended to be the strong and the major supporter of the cause of the NMS of India to, 'Win India for Christ by prayer, planning, contacting persons and enlisting their support for prayer and contribution.' With grateful heart to God, we look on all His blessings and guidance in the years passed in the

activities of the Area Committee. The Madras City Area Committee comprises 27 branches under the leadership of conveners whose work is to arrange for prayer meetings in their areas and enlist the people's support and collect funds or arrange to collect funds for the Society. Within 10 years, the annual collection had grown from Rs. 7,000/- to Rs. 47,000/-. Nearly one fifth of the Society's support comes from the Madras City Area Committee. Nearly one fifth of the annual expenditure of the Society is met by this Committee. Its main features are :

Membership Campaign: Every year the Society starts membership Campaign with the annual get together meeting on January 26th. This year, the Area Committee has enlisted members. By this effort, they make more and more people to participate in the task of propagating the Gospel.

Sunday School: The Area Comittee also conducts Sunday School for the Hindu children. The Society does not duplicate the work done by the Church. Sunday School among the Hindu Children are used for evangelisation of non-Christian children as well their parents. As can be seen in the previous issues of the NMI, there were conversions because of these.

Annual Sale

Annual Sale arranged by the Madras City Area Committee is another important function. The main purpose of the sale is to impress on the Christians in the Madras City the importance of their participation in our Lord's task. It was once the affair of the Ladies Auxiliary but it has grown to be conducted by both men and women. For the last 3 years, it had been a one day Sale, thereby the Committee realises Rs. 13,000/-. The whole proceeds are sent to NMS to support the evangelistic, medical and educational work, in all part of India. This year the Sale is being held on 15th of August, '77.

Annual Get - together :

The Area Committee arranges for fellowship of the supporters of the NMS by an Annual Get together function in January every year. Friends and supporters of NMS gather together in one place for fellowship and for sharing the news of the work of the Members participating as a family. This helps them to grow in fellowship and to participating in the Lord's work.

Meetings: The conveners of the Area Committee meet on 2nd Thursdays of every month. They spend time in prayer and share the work done and plan the work for the next month.

Acknowledgements: We will be failing in our duties if we do not mention about St. Paul's Church which supports 2 workers in one centre of Jawadhi Hills.

1. We express our hearty thanks to Rev. T. J. David of St. Paul's Church and evangelistic Committee of the Church. The Meenambakkam Pastorate and other Churches also co-operate with us in our efforts by their support.

2. In writing about the Madras City Area Committee, we remember the efforts of **Mr. G. Solomon** who is the live wire and inspirer of our activities. Dr. Mrs. L. Thambiah, one of the veteran worker in ladies Auxiliary still helps with undiminished interest and advise. We also appreciate the efforts of **Mr. J. F. Arumainayagam**, the Hon. Development Secretary who does tireless work in contacting people in different parts of the city and keep in touch with conveners and make them active.

We specially thank Mr. M. D. Selvaraj, our ex-President for his keen interest and selfless effort to the best of the Society. The Society has grown rapidly under his leadership.

The names of the officers and members of the Area Committee for 77-78 and the income and expenditure are shown separately.

In conclusion, we thank all the members who support the Area Committee, the conveners who tirelessly contact people and arrange for enlisting them and the officers of the Area Committee under whose leadership Area Committee is growing.

May God the Almighty bless our efforts.

V. G. William, President — **P. C. Arumainayagam,** Secretary — **Thomas Bauliah,** Treasurer

N.M.S. SOUTH TAMIL NADU AREA

Report for 76-77

The South Tamil Nadu area continues to function with its 16 branches spread over in eight districts. One more centre at Puthur (Tiruchy) is likely to be formed. At present Mr. Sugantharajan, M.Sc., is collecting and remitting the subscriptions given by some local Christians.

As this area is pretty larger, the Area Committee which met on 27—2—'76 decided to split the area into four. But, this has not been given effect to. It is hoped that when the four area

committees begin to function in full swing, there will be appreciable increase in the number of members.

This area has exceeded the budgeted amount of Rs. 12.500/- for 1976—77. The actual amount collected is Rs. 15,145/85.

The three branches in Thanjavur Town have contributed about half the total income from this area by conducting an annual Sale on 2nd October, which yields not less than Rs. 3,000/- If similar sales are conducted in all its branches, the income can be considerably stepped up.

The welcome feature in this area is the patronage extended by the presbyters concerned. We strongly hope that more branches will be opened during the current year.

S. Solomon Rajayya,
Hony. Secretary

N.M.S. Thanjavur Branch—Report

By the grace of our Almighty God the N.M.S. branch of Thanjavur is functioning well. Formerly this missionary work was carried on by the women's fellowship of Thanjavur. The congregations of Thanjavur are generously contributing for the N.M.S. work. The total collection reaches Rs. 300/- every month. The Blake High School and St. Peters High School are functioning as separate units of the branch and send their monthly contributions separately.

The distinguished featurers of the branch is the Annual Sales, which generally takes place in the month of October. Our local pastors help the conduct of the sales is worth telling here. The services of the members of various groups allotted for collecting the articles and selling them on the day is also much valuable and praiseworthy. The total collections usually reaches Rs 3,200/- and above every year. The interest and the participation of the Christian congregations of Thanjavur is growing year after year in the work of the Society May our gracious God bestow His heavenly blessings on all the people, who take interest in the spreading of the Missionary work through the National Missionary Society of India.

We are also members of the Gospel team under the leadership of Mrs. A Ponnuswamy. We visit various stations in the districts during the week and preach the Gospel.

A. Annam Ponnuswamy,
Treasurer

D. P. Jayaraj &
I. Stephen Ponniah,
Secretaries

The following are the office bearers for the N.M.S. Lucknow, Area Committee & Branch

1.	Mr. M. M. Maxton	...	President, N.M.S.U.P. Area & Local Branch, Lucknow.
2	Mr. A. H. Khan,	...	Hony. Secretary, Area Committee.
3.	Mr. D. S. Washington,	...	Secretary, Local Branch
4.	Mr. G. V. Quadir,	...	Trasurer, Area Committee.

Bareilly N M.S. Branch

1.	Bishop A. J. Shaw	...	President
2.	Dr. Emmanuel E. James	...	Secretary
3.	Mr. Alphons Dass	...	Treasurer

Kanpur N.M.S. Branch

1.	Mrs. S. Shukla	...	President
2.	Mr. Bachchu Singh	...	Vice-President
3.	Mr. N. F. Paul	...	Secretary
4.	Mr. J. Das	...	Treasurer
5.	Mr. Moses Das	...	Evangelistic Chairman
6.	Mr. S. C. Singh	...	Members
7.	Mrs. I. B. Anson	...	,,
8.	Mrs. S. Shepherd	...	,,
9.	Mr. E. S. Renben	...	,,
10.	Mr. A. M. Luther	...	,,
11.	Mr. V. H. Paul	...	,,
12.	Mr. B. L. Matthews	...	,,
13.	Mr. R. R. Franklin	...	,,
14.	Mr. M. K. Nath	...	,,

N. F. Paul
Secretary, N.M.S Kanpur branch

The following are the office bearers of the Salem—Dharmapuri Area Committee

1.	Rev. Sam Vedamuthu	...	President
2.	Rev. Raja D. Stephens	...	Vice-President
3.	Sri Jacob Samuel,	...	,,
4.	Miss S. Arthur	...	Treasurer
5.	Sri R. Daniel	...	Secretary

Committee Members

6. Rev. W. C. David
7. Rev. A. John Jayapalan
8. Rev. V. Jayamony Joseph
9. Sri P. Selladurai
10. Sri Swaminathan
11. Sri J. Devasigamony
12. Sri A. J. Abeshegam
13. Sri D. Thambiragasam
14. Sri M. D. Gnanamuthu
15. Mrs. F. Pandiaraj,
16. Dr. D. Abraham
17. Sri. R. Moses
18. Bri N. J. D. Dhanaraj
19. Sri Santosh Kumar
20. Sri J. Dhanraj
21. Sri I. Kajaratnam

The following are the various branches formed in the following Churches both urban and rural in the Salem Dharmapuri area:

1. C.S.I. Christ Church, Tirupattur.
2. ,, ,, Elathagiri,
4. ,, Good Shepherd Church, Mettur Dam.
4. ,, Zion Church, Athur.
5. ,, Good Shepherd Church, Namakkal.
6. ,, Church, Dharmapuri.
7. ,, Lechler Memorial Church, Salem.
8. ,, Christ Church, Salem.
9. ,, Immanuel Church, Hasthampati.

R. Daniel,
Secretary, Salem-Dharmapuri Area Committee.

N.M.S. North Tamil Area Report for 76-77

It was in the Salem Conference, it was resolved to split the North Tamil Area into the following 3 areas:

SNo.	Area	Joint Secretaries
1.	Salem-Dharmapuri Area	M. R. Daniel.
2.	Coimbatore-Nilgiris Area	Mr. Samuel Gnanakadatcham.
3.	North-Arcot-Chingleput Area	Mr. Kanikaraj.

North Arcot-Chingleput Area Committee

1. Steps were taken to strengthen the existing branches and to form new branches wherever possible. The branch in T. P. Kundram is concentrating on evangelistic work and a team of youngsters cycled from Kancheepuram to Jawadi Hills as a pilgrimage tour under the guidance of Mr. Kanickaraj. This team did evangelistic work in the wayside villages and towns both during the onward and return journeys.

2. The branch in Ranipet gets a lot of tracts from the Scripture Gift Mission, Bangalore and distributes them prayerfully among non-Christians through 5 volunteer workers. This branch subscribed Rs. 170/- during this year.

3. A new Branch in Voorhees College was found and it was inaugurated by Bishop Henry Lazarus Dr. M. J. John, Principal took keen interest and arranged a tea party for all the gathering. He also collected and sent the amount of Rs. 2,000/- through Brother Victor Royappa of Tirupattur Ashram.

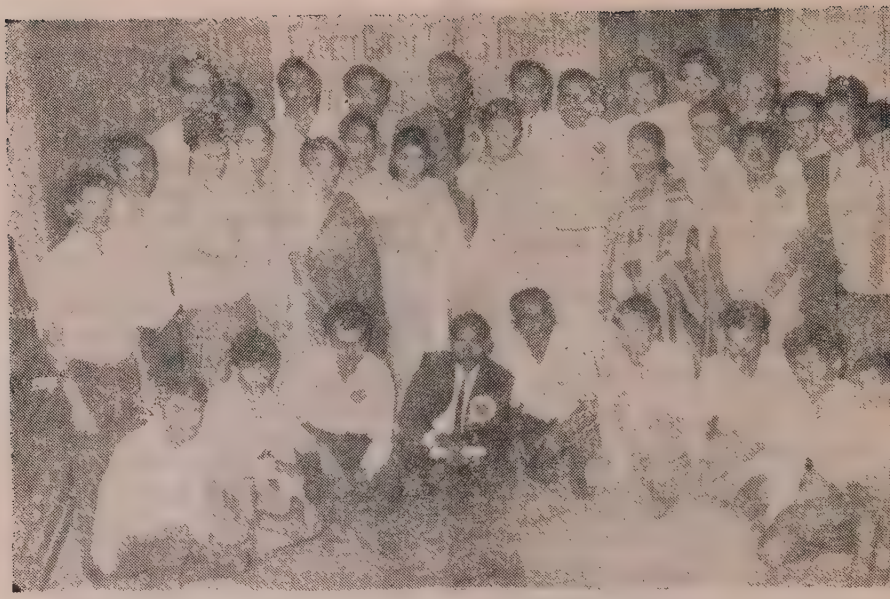
4. The N.M.S. Sunday was observed in many churches and the Area Secretary conducted the service in English and in Tamil in the Church of South India, at Arkonam.

5. A litany prayer and a brief report of N.M.S. activities and appeal for support, was cyclostyled in Tamil and the copies were despatched to 12 town churches in Vellore Diocese.

6. During the first Anniversary celebrations of the Vellore Diocese from 25th to 28th January, '77, Bishop Henry Lazarus arranged a meeting in which Dr. Pulimood of C.M.C. Hospital gave a report of the N.M.S. activities in Jawadi Hills. St. John's Church was also thanked for the generous support for the N.M.S.

7. Rev. Karunakaran, B.Sc.,B.T. decided in the N.M.S. Conference held in Ranipet in 1973 to resign his permanent post in the Government service and work for the Lord. He studied theology for 3 years. He was ordained on 1st May, 1977 in the Central Church, Vellore. This is one of the achievements of the Ranipet Branch.

R. Alfred
Secretary,
North Tamilnadu Area.



Bombay Area Committee

N.M.S. BOMBAY AREA COMMITTEE

Report for the year 76-77

Dear partners in evangelism,

This is a matter of gratitude and thanks to our Creator Lord. "The apostles came back and reported to Jesus everything they had done" (Luke 9:10). Like-wise, we too give report of our work to the church members and all our dear supporters.

1976-77 had been the year of sorrow and joy in the life of the Society. This mixed feelings do not make us despair, but, we look forward to our Lord who commanded—Go, make disciples preaching the Gospel to every creature. We firmly believe His mission will prosper in this vast land through His children and church, backed by prayers.

These are reasons of mixed feelings of sorrow and joy :

1. Demise of our great helper, President Bishop Joshi.
2. Ups and downs in the Society and in our Bombay Branches.

3. Struggle for fulfilling the Society's target; yet showers of blessing came down to our aid in the critical time.

This is the 29th year of service in our N.M.S. Ministry. It began with only 3 volunteers. At present we have 46 and 3 language wise branches—Kannada, Marathi and Telugu.

Activities : To support the work of our Mission, we need verious activities for raising funds. But we have no such activities except prayer fellowship meetings in the Kannada Branches. Can we conquer? Through faithful prayer we moved and participated in meaningful evangelism. Our Missionary Aid Fund of Kannada branches now support 2 centres (Karnataka & Maharashtra). Also we help Society's general work in different fields, and local B.A.C. Experiences. Service through action is embodied in the charter of MAF which are :

1. Maintaining Karnataka Centre (for Maharashtra awaiting a Marathi worker).
2. Help by way of scholarship to Miss Hemalata, daughter of our evangelist, Muddebihal for college study.
3. Relief and aid to Puri Rs. 100/- Christmas gift Rs. 100/- Rs. 500/- towards Memorial Fund of late Mr. Amoda.

The above work is backed by our local members and greater burden is shared by our sustaining members—M/s A. D. Salins, Jacob Amanna, V. Kaunda, Salala Prayer Group and by special offerings at local Kajupada Prayer group.

N.M.S. Collections : Marathi and Telugu branches are stepping up and need more supporters from their sections. However the Secretaries take keen interest in raising funds. Volunteers in Kannada branches collect monthly contributions. The Area Secretary collect donations through annual drive.

Churches : Only a few churches came forward to support the N.M.S. either by way of one Sunday offering or sanctioned amount. It is their main participation, sharing in the evangelistic work. Christian institutions also give their annual donations. Basel Mission Sunday schools gives regularly one Sunday offering towards Missionary work.

Information : Prayer Circular and News letter are issued occassionally to strengthen the relationship between supporters and N.M.S. Ministry. Our sincere thanks to all supporters, church leaders and those who work for the Lord as volunteers.

J. P. Ashwal,
Area Secretary.

NATIONAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF INDIA

(Bombay Area Committee, Bombay)

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR 1976—1977

RECEIPTS

Branch Collections	Rs.	P.
Chembur 443 00		
Ghatkopar 99 00		
Bhandup 175 00		
Marol 456 00		
Andheri 84 00		
Vikhroli 274 75		
City 156 00		
Kurla 795 00		
Ambernath 42 00		
Telugu Br. 215 00		
Marathi Br. 35 00		
	2,775	75
Bombay Annual Collection	1,241	00
Birth day Gift	53	00
Life membership (N.M S.)	200	00
Puri Relief (General)	130	00

N M.S. Sunday		
Church & Institutions	618	90
Thanks offering	5	00
Amoda Memorial Fund	310	00
Christmas Gift Scheme	290	00

M.A.F. (Missionary Aid Fund) Receipts		
Field Maintenance	3,389	73
Puri relief	100	00
Educational aid	445	00
Amoda Memorial Fund	500	00
Christmas Gift Scheme	100	00
Subsidy (For BAC Expenses	1,037	00

PAYMENTS

Remittance to N.M.S. H. Qrs.	Rs.	P.
Branch Collection 2,781 25		
Bombay Annual ,, 1,241 00		
Birthday Gift 53 00		
Life Membership 200 00		
Puri relief 230 00		

N.M.S. Sunday		
Church & Institution 618 90		
Field Maintenance 3,389 73		
Educational Aid 445 00		
Thank offering 5 00		
	8,963	88
Amoda Memorial endowment	810	00
Christmas gift	343	50

Prayer Fellowship offerings

Ghatkopar	141	37		
Mulund	114	15		
Bhandup	202	29		
Vikhroli	96	00		
Kurla	109	02		
Marol	141	36		
Andheri	53	71		
			857	90
By opening Balance			5	26
Subject to Audit			12,059	04

B A.C. Expenses

Conveyance & local travel	732	75
Stationery & Printing	567	06
Bank Charges	24	05
Meeting Expenses	83	50
Establishment expenses	272	58
Postage	152	45
Transport	19	70
Miscellaneous	15	00
Furniture	20	00
Closing balance cash in hand	34	57
	12,059	04

Mohan I. Soans
Hon. Ass. Area Secretary

I. G. Kunder
Hon. Area Treasurer

FELICITATION

We are happy to inform the readers and friends of N.M.S that one of our firm supporters, Mr. R. E. Chandran Jayapaul has been elected to Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly as a D M K. Party Candidate. Not only he is a veteran supporter of N.M.S. by paying subscription, but also he ran a stall in the last year's Annual Sale in the name of his children 'Prabha & Ravi Stall'. Apart from taking interest in the Society, he also evinced interest in the activities of the Church.

We congratulate him on his success in one of the most difficult constituencies in Madras. We wish him that his involvement in the politics would make him friend and helper of the people and bring glory to God.

We assure remember him in our prayers.

Announcement

We are very glad to inform that the Triennial Council of the N.M.S., will be held at Vellore, of North Arcot District in Tamil Nadu from October 20th to 23rd of 1977.

Kindly remembrr the Conference in your prayers.

N.M.S. Uttar Pradesh Area Committee, Lucknow

REPORT

The U.P. Area Committee meets once a year any time after August every year. So, it was held at Allahabad, but last year according to the request of members and to effect economy, the meeting was held at Lucknow at Nur Manzil on Saturday, October, 23rd, 1976. About 17 members were present from various places like Kanpur, Jhansi, Allahabad, Lucknow, Benares, Gorakpur, Almora. The meeting was held under the chairmanship of Mr. M. M. Maxton, the President. Mr. A. P. Khosla, the then new Organising Secretary was also present after his visit from Delhi and other places.

At the meeting the question of appointment of a worker at Malihabad Centre was taken up now that permission to open a centre has been granted by head-quarters. We are sorry that so far no suitable worker has been found but we are constantly in search of an Urdu knowing person with some muslim background as Malihabad is purely a muslim place.

Mr. Bachi Singh's report was also heard. He complained of not getting literature for which he requested the head-quarters for distribution among the people there.

In the meeting we also fixed quotas for various places in order to meet our U.P. target Full details about the quota and other matters will be found in the Minutes which are under preparation and a copy of which will be sent to you as soon as I am to finalize them. But each Branch representative from Kanpur, Gorakhpur, Barelly, Allahabad and Varnasi and Bareilly promised to try their best to meet the quota allotted to their place.

The following represented the Branches in U.P. :—

1.	Lucknow Branch		Mr. D S Washington, the Secretary of the local branch.
2.	Kanpur	,,	Mr. N. F. Paul and Mr. J. Dass, Secretary and Treasurer.
3.	Benares	,,	Mr. E. J. Singh.
4.	Jhansi	,,	Mr. A. B. David.
5.	Gorakhpur	,,	Mr. I. H. Blanchfield.
6.	Allahabad	,,	Mr. Arthur V. Singh.
7.	Rae Bareily	,,	Mr. Das (could not come).

The Secretary of the U.P. Area Committee sent a circular to all the branches asking them to let him know the contributions

they expect to raise by March. With the exception of Kanpur and Lucknow, Rai Bareily, no other branch sent any information. I wish I could go personally and check what they are doing. The Bareilly branch should do well under the chairmanship of Bishop A. J. Shaw.

N.M.S. Lucknow Branch Report

Our monthly meetings are regularly held at Nur Manzil where we first spend sometime in prayer. In June no meeting will be held as most of the members are out but in July we will meet again. We consider our local problems and take report on monthly collections. We are soon going to open an account in a local bank so that money received could be deposited. Like that, what we receive, we send to the head-quarters quite often.

N.M.S, The Ladies Auxiliary of the Local Branch

The ladies could not do much by way of holding fetes etc. as there are so many other fetes that take place and so there is very little left. But, the Secretary with the help of the President tries to approach people locally and collect money which is already sent to head quarters. Rs. 10/- has been received the other day and that will also be sent. Their total for this year is Rs. 450/- which is collected by special appeals and personal approach. The ladies are thinking of doing something else in order to raise money during this year.

Arrangements for Revival meetings for about 4-6 days are being made in Dasarah holidays in October when some prominent speakers will come and public meetings will be held. To meet the expenses money will be raised locally and collections of the meetings will be used. We hope to meet the expenses in this way.

A. H. Khan.
Secretary, U.P. Area

N.M.S. Kanpur Branch—Report

It gives me great pleasure to give you a brief report of the N. M. S. in Kanpur. At present, there are about hundred members. There are fourteen members in the executive body.

We hold our N.M.S. executive meeting at an interval of two months and it is held at the residence of every executive member turn by turn. We have an evangelistic chairman, who arranges cottage prayer meetings in different places. We collect subscriptions from the members personally and thus we meet them and invite suggestions to improve the N.M.S work. We opened a new field in Unnao proper adjoining to Kanpur with the help of Mr. B. L. Mathews. Mr. Mathews lives in Unnao and is enjoying retired life. He is also included in the executive body. He helps in collecting subscription from Unnao. Every month we send Rs. 125/- to the head-quarters. The chairman of the Lady Auxiliary, Mrs. S. Shukla is planning to do something for the N.M.S. This year we have invited the U.P. Area Committee annual meeting at Kanpur. We send our report to the U.P. Area Committee Secretary regularly. We are also in touch with the Organising Secretary, Mr. Paul Singh. Thus, NMS activities have a wide approach.

N.M.S. Trivandrum Branch—Report

We are happy to say that we invited the National Missionary Society of India to have its executive committee, in Trivandrum on the 1st and 2nd June, 1976 We made all arrangements for the convenience of the members. The Society's flag was unfurled by the Rt. Rev. I. Jesudasan and the members were welcomed by Mr. George, convener of the local Organising Committee. The General Secretary of the N.M.S. expressed thanks to His Grace Metropolitan of the Mar Thoma Church, who inaugurated the Executive Committee and presided over the meeting, when he appealed to the churches for their support to help the Society in taking the Gospel to the unreached places. The Branch also responded well to the appeal of the General Secretary in the public meeting held on the 2nd June, 1976, by undertaking the full support for the Kashmir Project in addition to their usual support for a worker in Jawadhi Hills. The branch is always coming forward to help the Society by contributing liberally whenever there is an appeal for special funds to meet the needs at any time.

The Officers, Conveners and Members of the Madras City Area Committee

Mr. V. G. Williams	...	President
Mr. P. C. Arumainayagam	...	Secretary
Mr. Thomas Bauliah	...	Treasurer
Mr. J. F Arumainayagam	...	Hony. Dev. Officer
Mr. E. Lazarus	...	Vice President
Mr. T. Chelliah	...	,,
Mrs. Kesari	...	,,
Mr. J. F. Devaraj	...	,,
Mrs. Aruna Dorairaj	...	Convener
Mrs. S. K. Gnanabharanam	...	,,
Mr. S. Owen	...	,,
Mr. K. John Devasirvadam	...	,,
Mrs. Gnanadoss	...	,,
Mr. V. Samuel	...	,,
Mr. R. S. Manoharadoss	...	,,
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Mrs. P. S. Gnanam	...	,,
Mr. A. G. Vedasundararaj	...	,,

At the last Annual General Meeting of the N.M.S. (West Bengal Area), held on June 11, 1977 at the Central Methodist Church, the following Office bearers were elected for 1977—78:—

President	...	Mr. H. S. Raychaudhuri
Vice-Presidents	...	Mr. D S. Aruldas
		Rev. B. B. Mondal
Hony. Area Secretary	...	Mr. D. Mitra
Hony. Treasurer	...	Mr. M. N. Banerjee

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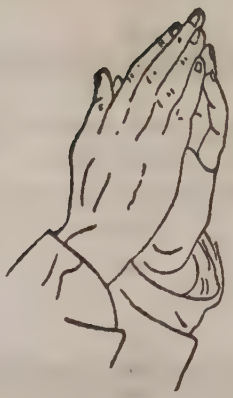
who was baptised on 17—7—1977 at Babina flanked by Rev. Edwin Sherring, N. M. S. Missionary on the right & Rev. William Singh Local C.N.I. Pastor who baptized on the left.

UNITE IN PRAYER!



WIN INDIA FOR CHRIST!!

APPEAL

FOR OBSERVANCE OF

NMS Week of Prayer : From October 3rd to 9th. NMS Sunday 9th October 1977.

AIM

To unite all the Christians of all denominations *in Prayer* on that day.

Collections and donations if sent will be used *for reaching the unreached* in our country.

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Gujarathi :	Rev. Alfred K. Chavan, Nizampura, Near Palytechinc, Baroda-390 002.

PRAYER

O, God Almighty who lives and moves among men, grant us Thy abiding presence through Thy Son so that we may abide in Him and He in us, to bear much fruit, through Thy Son Jesus. Amen.

MEDITATION

Abiding in Christ :

"He who abides in Me, and I in Him bears much fruit"

St. John 15-5.

In His last discourse with His disciples our Lord repeatedly tells the disciples to abide in Him, and without abiding in Him they can do nothing. He calls them "His Friends". This is the state in which the disciples are in Him and Christ in them. This state of abiding is important for every Christian, more so in the case of the evangelists and missionaries.

Abiding implys mystical experience. It is not possible for every one to be in that mystical state, but every Chrissian can abide in the Lord in his day to day life and work.

Abiding Strengthens the weak :

A fallen brother can be saved in the company of his good and trusted friend. Friendship helps us from discouragement and going astray. Jesus calls us "His Friends". Abiding in Him strengthens the friendship with Him and helps us to over come our weakness.

Abiding helps us to bear much fruit :

The apostles felt the abiding presence of the Lord in their missionory work. The success of the missionary work depended on their reliance on their Lord and His presence, with them. They preached and did great deeds, "The Lord added to their number day by day". Fruitful missionary work needs abiding with Christ.

Abiding with Christ glorifys God :

The life and action of the Christian who abides with his Lord brings glory to God, by fruitful life and assured prayers.

Every Christian is a missionary. To be successful he or she must Abide with his or her Master. Most of our labour goes in vain because we seek other means than the abiding presence of our Lord, with us and we in Him. May God bless every one by Abiding in us and we in Him.

Report of the General Secretary on his visit to Jawadhi Hills from 6th to 10th June.

By God's Grace I was able to visit the Jawadhi Hills and every centre in that field, inspite of the heavy work. Most of the travel from Jamnamarathur to Alleri had to be done by walk with luggage.

On 5th June night I left Madras and reached Vaniambadi in the morning by train, and from Vaniambadi to Alangayam by bus. I was stranded at the Alangayam bus stand, for more than four hours without bus connection. With a thankful heart to God and with a sigh of relief I got into a bus with a board Kommutteri. But to my great disappointment after a few kilometers I was informed that the bus would stop with Naickanoor. From there to Jamna marathur I had to cover ten kilometers. Feeling that there was no use of wasting time and waiting at Naickanoor, I decided to cover the ten kilometers by foot with my luggage on my back in the hot sun. It was a very hot day, After covering 6 k.ms. while so I was thinking of resting for some time under the shade, a police officer who was on a special election duty passed in his car. He was kind enough to offer me a lift to Jamnamarathur. Thanks to God I reached Jamnamarthur by 1 p.m.

After lunch and rest I met the workers of that section namely Jamanamarathur. Gundalathur, Athipet, Kalyanamanthai, and Veerappanur. Rev. Paul Sanjeevi the missionary in charge Messers James Meyyan, P. Rajayan, Pauliyan Vetharaj Daniel and Victor. Mrs. Easther Robertson the nurse was on leave. Mrs. Mathurabai Victor could'nt attend. We had a brief devotion. The workers were advised to work as a family with fellowship and with unity of purpose. There were sharing of the work done in each centre.

The usual Evangelistic work is carried on, in and around Jamnamarathur by Rev. Paul Sanjeevi and Mr. Pauliyan, I learnt during my conversation that though the Government had opened a dispersary with a doctor, nurse, ayyah, and a compoun. der, the people still liked to get medical help from our nurse. **So I felt that there is still a need to run a dispensary on a different plan of work which had proved to be good in Nadanoor centre. It was recommended that a Bible women to be appointed to work with the nurse.** So that they both visit the villages around Jamnamarathur on alternative days, within the radius of five kilomters. While the nurse can attend to the Medical help, the bible women can convey Gospel to the

women. I feel that this method will prepare the mind of the tribal women to accept the Gospel and to reduce the belief in the superstition and to be a help to the enquirers.

The urgent needs of the centre.

1) Building of two missionary houses to accomodate our workers. Rough estimate is Rs. 20,000/-

2) Deepening of the present well Rs. 1,500/-

3) Permanant fence around our land.

On 7th June I partly treked and partly cycled to **Kalyana-manthai**, and met Mr. & Mrs. Victor. Workers' house have been repaired and put in good condition. Regarding the work as for the writer of the Hebrew chapter 6:4-6, it was found difficult to bring back, the back slided ones. Mr. Victor expressed hope in the younger generation. Mrs. Madhurabai Victor informed that she could'nt go out to the village because of her health and children's health, but she helps the people in the centre and does bible women's work.

Athipet :

I visited **Athipet,** with the missionary in charge. Mrs. Roselet Rajayan, had gone on leave, but Mr. Rajayan was

"Chinnakanni"—Tribal enquirer

present. The workers house was put into good repair. Here I was very happy to find two young women as enquirers 1) Chinnakani and 2) Kamala. Chinnakani is firm in faith and had led Kamala to Christ. There are problems connected with their baptism and their future. They are at present in the tailoring institute run by the Government. I advised Mr. Rajayan to continue to keep in touch with these young women till they finish their tailoring course. **Meeting of these two women cheered me because I found the Gospel seeds sown in this area are beginning to sprout.** It is a earnest of rich harvest in this field in the near future.

From there we walked to **Gundalathur** about three kilometers by short cut. The worker Mr James Maiyyan and his family were present. The tribal people of that village both young and old were gathered to gether to meet us. We had a long talk with tribal people. They appreciated our work. They requested that medical work to be extended to them. When I questioned the elders that while they appreciated our work and acknowledge the knowledge of Christ, why should not they accept Christ as true God. They replied that they could not do so for sake of fear of social ostracisn. Though present elders could not openly confess Jesus as their Saviour, the younger generation were to come out courageously and confess Christ they hope that younger generation would do.

After lunch we left for **Veerappanur** about four miles away and reached there by six p.m.

Veerappanur :

Veerappanur is one of the recent centres, This project is supported by Nagercoil Home Church. It is one of the important tribal settlements. Under **Mr. A. Thiraviam** who is at present in Tamil Nadu Theological Semenory, this centre progressed well and won Mr. Andi Gounder to Christ He was a wealthy man of the village. He has to leave all to follow christ. His family today treat him as an out caste. Yet he clings to his Savoiour. There were impacts on the surrounding villages. About fifty old and young people attended night school. These centre had a set back during his successor. Now under the present worker **Mr. V. Vetharaj Daniel** it is reviving. Mr. Vetharaj Daniel himself is a tribal convert and the fruit of our labour.

The urgent need of the centre is a house for the worker and a hall to be used as chapel cum school. Our site is said to be a rocky place. Two attempts to dig a well on the plot proved to be

a failure. Investigations are being made to fiind out a new place where we can strike water.

Rested for the night.

7th June Nadanur

It was proposed to cover the distance between Veerappanur and Nadanur eleven miles by foot. To gain time the workers suggested to use the cycle in the downs and push the bicycle when we had to ascend, so covered six miles by walk and five miles by bicycle, and reached Nadanur by 11-30 a.m.

The workers, the evangelist Mr. Gnanamuthu, the nurse Miss Sarammal George and Mrs. Victorial the Bible woman had gone to the village about four miles away on their regular plan of evangelistic and medical work.

The evangelist is fully supported by St. John's Church Vellore. The evangelistic committee under the leadership of Dr. C. K. Job and Dr. B. Pulimood make regular visits, periodically help and direct the evangelistic cum medical work. They also visit villages with the evangelist and nurse. They have helped us to put up a simple thatched chapel cum dispensary building and we are completing a small house, with the donation of Tirvandrum N.M.S. Branch for the nurse and bible women to live. They work as a team.

Dr. C. K. Job writes as follows :

"I have been greatly impressed by the work of Mr. Gnanamuthu and Sr. Saramma. They have done a remarkable job there. Many of the young people who are come in contact with them are completely changed. They are physically clean, wear clean clothes, talk good Tamil and behave extremely well, These are great contributions that have been made by the team of N.M.S. workers at Nadanur."

From the above statement of Dr. Job who had involved himself as the leader of the evangelistic committee of the St. John's Church, we can understand that though the Baptism have not taken place the Gospel is working as salt and leaven among the tribals. We could expect greater things in the near future. The society is grateful to Dr. Job & Dr. Pulimood and St. John's Church Presbyter and the Congregation for their actual participation.

8th June

Stayed at Nadanur and observed the work. They start the day with morning prayers. Though there is a recognised school

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS

	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
To Opening Balance :				
In General Fund in Bank	26,851	88		
in cash	3,129	20		
			29,981	08
A. In Savings Account with State Bank of India (Special Fund)			60,791	48
B. Fixed Deposit and Investment			1,29,265	00
C. In Savings Bank Account with Indian Bank (Rural Fellowship Fund)			728	04
Receipts for General Fund			1,31,916	83
Field Receipts			8,031	99
Interest Earned			12,551	08
Madras City Sale			12 807	54
Project Support			37,194	46
P. F. Contribution (Employer's & Employees)			6,820	98
Loan Recovered			5,630	00
Guest Room Rent			839	00
Miscellaneous			196	25
Refunds t			316	55
Special Receipts			43,165	51
Total			4,80,235	79

We are pleased to report that in our opinion and the best of the accounts of the National Missionary Society of India give the year ended on 31st March, 1977.

That we have obtained all the information and explanations the purpose of our audit :

That the Statement of Receipts and Payments dealt with by tained by the Society.

OF INDIA, MADRAS-14

FOR THE YEAR ENDED ON 31st MARCH 1977

PAYMENTS

	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
By General Fund Payment:				
Field Expenses (Salaries & allowances)			1,27,075	64
Gospel Team Deputation			6,401	61
NMI Deepigi Printing			15,162	62
Committee and Conference			5,130	73
Area Committee Expenses			6,786	69
Head quarters Workers Salary & Allowance			13,956	26
General Expenses (Elec., Up-keep, Postage & Sundries Telephone etc.)			10,613	04
All India General			14,812	85
Calendar			3,040	67
Loans & advances			4,146	00
P. F. Payments			8,413	38
Special Fund			32,213	98
Closing Balance:				
A. In Savings Account with State Bank of India (Special Fund)			63,430	51
B. Fixed Deposit & Investment			1,32,680	00
C. In Savings Bank Account with Indian Bank (Rural Fellowship Fund)			764	89
Closing Balance:				
In General Fund Bank Saving Account	32,538	06		
Cash on hand	3,068	86		
			35,606	92
	Totol		4,80,235	79

our information and according to the explanations given to us, a true and fair view of the Receipt and Payments Accounts for which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for this Report are in agreement with the books of Accounts main-

Sd/.....

V. R. CECIL JOSEPH

near by, about twenty boys of different ages from ten to eighteen years attend our tution classes. The instruction begins with devotional service in the chapel. Some elders also join the worship. The way the boys sit in the chapel and join the worship with singing and response, is a witness for the nature of work done here. I didn't experience such a devotional atmosphere even in boarding schools. After service the teaching goes on for three hours. Individual care is taken. The boys are neatly dressed and well behaved. The teaching ends with singing of the National Anthem, reciting of Biblical texts and prayer.

The patients come at any time of the day and Miss Sarammal George helps them cheerfully.

The workers need two cots and chairs. There is a need for a simple hall for the visitors to stay, two cots and chairs for that hall are also needed.

By 2 P.M. we started to trek by short cut to Thungumalai. The evangelist accompanied me. We reached the centre by 5 P.M. We were met by the workers Mr. I. Arumainayagam and Mr. Nitayanandam. Mr. I. Arumaninayagam had his discouragement because he had to stay alone there for more than a year. Joining of Mr. Nityanandam had cheered him. Mr. Nityanandam is a graduate and a candidate for ministry from Vellore Diocese. While staying there the workers had some visitors from the village, From the conversation I understood the nature of work done.

Though we opened the centre about six years ago, the local people are indifferent. Though there is no school they are not interested in education for they are afraid of offending their gods.

This work needs pieces of furniture.

When we talked about the next stage of travel the local people advised us not to take the short cut to Alleri because all along we have to make steep climb and trek along a bad risky and rocky foot path.

9th June

Luckily we got a lift in a lorry to Vellore. The superintending evangelist of that station accompanied me during the travel. He was sitting on the top of the load on the lorry, he got his head hurt by a branch of a tree. He was attended to by other people on the lorry. Praise God that it was not a serious one. We reached Vellore by 2 P.M and took a bus to Anaikattu, halted for the night in the OMS Chapel.

10th June

We got up at 4 A.M. and walked to the foot of the hill and started to climb 2,700 ft. height and reached the station Alleri. There is no road from any side to reach that place. We have to make a steep climb to reach the station. We reached the station by 10-30 A.M. This place is supported by **St. Paul's Church** Madras. The two workers Mr. Jeyaraj Samuel and Mr. G.A. Raju were present.

We found that they have made good contact with the people, They have regular prayer meeting in the houses of tribals. Usually the tribals do not allow others to enter into their houses. A good and steady work is done by the workers here. They also visit adjoining villages. Though this is an issolated and inacessible place the evangelists were happy. They work to-gather having good fellowship. They have gathered materials for rebuilding the house. The old house was not planned and built properly. So we gave some suggestions. They need pieces of furniture.

We left the place at 2 P.M and reached Anaikattu by 5 P.M. rested for the night and left in the morning to reach Madras.

I thank God for giving me the needed strength to cover the distance and make a personal study of each station and their needs.

In conclusion I have to state that the Gospel had made its impact on the tribals and works as leaven. We may by His grace have good result in the near future. Our workers need some comforts.

We are thankful to St John's Church Vellore for their support and active participation. We are thankful to Kaniyakumari Diocesan Prayer band for the deputed workers and their support. We are also thankful to Bangalore Branch for their support and St. Paul's Church Madras for their venture to support two workers. We are thankful to God for the growing interest in Vellore Diocese for the field.

Reports from the fields

Nepal—Baitadi:— Our workers Mrs. & Mr. Dhan Bahadur Pun reports that they make regular visits to the villages by walk, as there are no proper roadsand conveyance facility. As there is no freedom to preach the Gospel openly and directly, the work has to be done by Personal contact, and by indirect means. They

attended a marriage party on invitation, where they met all kinds of people and shared the Gospel with them.

Manglapore :— Mr. Lal Bahadur Rana reports that he continues the contacts with the people in the out reach villages of the former centre Butwal.

Kashmir :— It is reported that the convert Mr. Manzur Masih was retained in his family and never allowed to have any contact with other Christians, neither with the evangelists Mr. Tahir Masih nor any other church member. Praise Lord who heard the prayers of friends that he appeared one day before Rev. Janathan Puljor the presbyter of All Saints Church Srlnagar. He was firm in his faith, The account of his conversion will appear in the next issue.

Some who observed Mr. Tahir Masih attending the church, tried to attack him and take him to a mosque for prayers Thanks to the Lord who promised to be with the disciples was with him and saved him. People call him by names and threaten to do harm.

Bageswar (U. P.) :— Mr. B. R. Singh reports that of his usual visit to villages around Bageswar. The text on the way side pulpit in front of his house had attracted some passers by and they enquired about Jesus and Salvation. One Sadhu one day visited him and keenly enquired about our Lord. In addition to this he contacts the college students, teachers and merchants of that city.

Bihar—Bihar Sherif:— Mr. Asghar Hussain Wahdi reports of his Gospel tour to Bawn, Rajgir, Silao, Panhissa, Mohalla, Khandad, Ramzanpur, Mohni conveyed the message of Salvation, mostly by conversation with individuals and by tract distribution. Whenever possible he does open air preaching.

Mr. Paul Singh our organising secretary is visiting that centre,

West Bengal—Malligachi :— Due to the trouble caused by the local people against the evangelist, he and his family was permitted to stay out of Malligachi till the situation changes.

Orissa—Puri — Mr. G. Rosaiah reports that apart from regular services and cottage prayer meetings the preaching was done at the time of famous car festivals. It is a joint effort of both Telugu and Oriya congregations.

A petty tea shop holder one Mrs. Sathiyavathamma who had three sons and one daughter, lost her daughter a year ago. One of the sons had sores all over his body was seriously ill. One

senior member of the congregation and one of the first converts Mrs. Kiruppamma visited the family and gave oil and prayed. Next day the whole congregation visited and prayed for the boy. He was miraculously cured. Sathiyavathamma and her three sons and daughter in-law are being prepared for baptism.

One Narayana a barbar has a brother by name Trinath. He suffered from T.B. On the instruction of Sathiyavathamma he attended our worship. The pastor and the congregation prayed for him. He was healed.

Narayana himself was away from the house on a visit to a distant place. While returning in the dark he fell ill. Some one with a white dress took him and helped him to reach home safely. He believes that it was Jesus. Both the brothers are believers now. Four members of the family including these brothers are under instruction for Baptism.

The unrecognised school at Pentakottah and Noliyasahi are working regularly. We need an experienced lady-teacher telugu for the school. The library is working under the direction of Mr. Mahopathro. We need a librarian for it, preferably an Oria committed Christian.

Madhya Pradesh—Dabra:— Rev. Edwin Sherring reports that after three years of persuasion and instruction. One Mr. Nagendran a military person was baptised as John Peter on 17-7-1977, by Rev. William Singh the Presbyter of the local Church. There are three other persons who are under instruction for baptism.

We thank God for this. Members are requested to pray for the converts.

Rev.
Padam Singh

Rajasthan—Kota:— Rev. Padam Singh our missionary at Kota in Rajasthan.

Andaman Missionary:— Deputation work done by Andaman Missionary Rev. Joseph Wilson.

He has visited the church in AELC Area, told about the Andaman works and collected funds. Because of his family situation he has to remain in India till October end.

We are very glad to inform the readers that the daughter who had an operation had recovered fully.

Gujarat: I. Rev. Alfred K. Chawan reports that he is contacting Gujarat people to have concern for evangelistic task in Gujarat.

He has spoken in the Churches and meetings of the Presbyters of the area and presented the need of the spreading the Gospel among their own people.

OBITUARY

We regret to inform our readers the demise of the following friends and supporters of the N.M.S.

Miss A. C. Hensman

Miss A. C. Hensman daugher of one of the founders Late Mr. Hensman, had her home call in March '77. The whole family and herself were interested and involved in the life and activities of the society by contribution and prayers.

Mr. O. V. Alexander

Mr. O. V. Alexander, Ex. General Secretary of the YMCA in Madras died on 30th June 77 had evinced keen interest in the Society and its activities by his regular contribution to the Society and by his prayers.

Mr. Abraham

Mr. Abraham who worked in OMS and after his retirement helped the society by teaching in one of the Sunday schools run for the non-Christian children in the city.

Dr. Mrs. A. S. Kuppuswamy

Dr. Mrs. A. S. Kuppuswamy of Karur who had been the long standing supporter of the NMS and a good member of the church in Karur, had her home call on 11th Aug. 77 she helped the society in a recent financial crisis by contributing Rs. 5000/- voluntarily.

We pray that God may grant these friends of this society the eternal joy of His fellowship and the needed consolation and the assurance of His prescence to the members of bereaved families.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRIENNAL ALL INDIA COUNCIL

WE ARE AGAIN GLAD TO INFORM THE READERS AND THE MEMBERS OF THE EXCUTIVE COMMITTEE AND THE AREA COMMITTEES OF THE TRIENNAL ALL INDIA COUNCIL OF THE NATIONAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF INDIA, WHICH WILL BE HELD FROM OCTOBER 20th TO 23rd. FRIENDS ARE REQUESTED TO PRAY FOR THE COUNCIL.

NATIONAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF INDIA

PRAYER WEEK AND NMS SUNDAY FOR 1977.

WE ARE GLAD TO INFORM THE BISHOPS CHURCH LEADERS, PRESBYTERS AND FRIENDS OF THE SOCIETY THAT THE NMS PRAYERS WEEK FOR 1977 GOD WILLING WILL BE CELEBRATED FROM OCTOBER 3rd TO 9th 1977. OCTOBER 9th BEING NMS SUNDAY WE REQUST THE CHURCH LEADERS AND THE FRIENDS OF THE SOCIETY TO OBSERVE THE NMS SUNDAY. LET US ALL UNITE TOGETHER IN PRAYER DURING THIS WEEK TO WIN INDIA AND THE SURROUNDING COUNTRIES FOR CHRIST.

The Request for Thanking God and for Prayers

Thanks for

1. Helping the Society to close the year without any dificit.
2. The converts in Kashmir, in Madhya Pradesh, and the enquirers in Puri and at Jawadhi.
3. Getting Rev. Padam Singh as the missionary to work at Kota in Rajasthan.
4. Enabling us to have the All India Triennial Council at Vellore in October.
5. The successful conduct of the Annual Sale by the Madras City Area Committee.
6. Though the Government has not permitted to put up permanaent structure by the people at Puri they are allowed to have peaceful life in the temporary sheds, erected by the side of their ruined houses.

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7. The impact of the Gospel on the tribals in Jawadhi, at Nadanur centre and at Allari.
8. The regular visit by Vellore St. John's Church Evangelist Committee members to Nadanur and their guidance.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS

1. Pray for our missionary Mr. & Mrs. V. T. Abraham and his family who are in Sikkim.
2. For the strikes in the State of Sikkim by the Government servants to be over and normal conditions to prevail in Sikkim.
3. For the enquirers in Puri and at Jawadhi and in Kashmir to be strengthened in their faith to accept and confess the Lord Jesus in public as their Personal Saviour.
4. For the deputation work done by Rev. Joseph Wilson in Andhra.
5. For financial help to provide pieces of furniture for the workers in Jawadhi Hills.
6. For building two houses for our workers in Jawadhi.
7. For Mr. Manzur Maish and his faith to grow stronger in spite of opposition and persecution.
8. For Mr. Tahir Masih to be protected from dangers and persecutions.

THANJAVUR N.M.S. SALE

THE THANJAVUR N.M.S. BRANCH ANNUAL SALE will be held on 8th October 1977. Friends are requested to Pray and Participate.

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CALL TO PRAYER, 1977

By

The Most Rev. Dr. Alexander Mar Thoma,
Metropolitan of the Mar Thoma Syrian Church of Malabar.

NMS Prayer week—October 3rd to 9th 1977

N.M.S. Sunday, October 9th, 1977.

The National Missionary Society of India was founded as a result of a great vision. Seventeen consecrated young Christian leaders from different places in India met on Christmas Day, in 1905, at Serampore, burdened with the challenge of taking the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the millions of their brethren in India. This group included men like V. S. Azariah (later Bishop of Dornakal); J. R. Chidambar (later Bishop of Lucknow), K. T. Paul and Bepin Chandrasircar. Their vision was inspired mainly by the following considerations :—

1. The Gospel can be presented to India most effectively through Indian personnel.
2. To reach the soul of India, the approach must be through the door of the rich heritage of India.
3. The Church in India has to be revitalized so that each member must realise the responsibility to be a witness to Jesus Christ whatever his work in secular life may be.
4. The Saving Gospel of Jesus Christ is concerned with redeeming the total life of people, consisting of physical, intellectual, spiritual, social and other factors.
5. Efforts must be made to reach the not-yet evangelised areas in India and neighbouring countries.
6. The resources in the country are to be tapped and utilized to the maximum extent.
7. The cooperation of all Christians to be sought irrespective of denominational and doctrinal differences.

Enthused by this vision this group of young Christians banded themselves together, forming the National Missionary Society of India (Bharat Christya Sevak Samaj).

The full impact of the pioneering aspect of this adventure can be realised only when we note that most of the evangelistic efforts in India at that time were carried on by Missionaries from Western Countries, using personnel and resources from abroad. They did not have, in general, much appreciation of the religions and cultural heritage of India, though there were exceptions like William Carcy and others. Even now in many parts of India, Christianity is regarded as a Western importation, which came in the wake of the foreign domination in India. The ancient St. Thomas Church on the Malabar Coast had done pretty little in the way of evangelisation of this country. With very meager resources, these heroic pioneers blazed a trail in founding the N.M.S. trusting in the All-Sufficiency of the Lord who called them to follow Him to become fishers of men.

During the 72 years that have passed since that day, [illegible] has seen tremendous upheavels and total changes in the social, political and religious life of the country. The wave of nationalism that was beginning to gather momentum in 1905, grew into a mighty swell forcing the British to leave India to form her own national Government. India is now the largest democratic nation in the world, trying to develop her resources in the best way she can. With the advance of scientific knowledge, time-honoured religious traditions have been abandoned by many of the growing generations. and there was little else to fill the vacuum At the same time, there began a revival of ancient religions on a large scale, claiming that the Hindu faith is the sanatana dharma, universal in its scope and tolerant of all others. Missionaries are being sent to western countries claiming many followers. They also say that all religions are but different roads to the same goal and that it does not matter which road one follows to reach the summit.

The recent political changes in our country have shown that the spirit of freedom is dominent among all our people, and that oppressive forces will be thrown off In the different States of India followers of different political ideologies are in power, all claiming to raise the condition of the poor people who have had only misery to their lot. Different experiments are being made in this biggest of all political laboratories. Liberation of the oppressed is the real test.

Turning to the work of the N.M.S, during these years, we find that the lines along which the Society has progressed, are the same as those envisaged by the founders in 1905. The progress has been slow, but steady. Many have found new life in the liberating power of Jesus Christ, and have accepted the light that has shone in His face. They have accepted the new

faith at great coast, and have bought the Pearl of great price, giving their all, and have borne witness through much suffering, at the same time rejoicing to acclaim Jesus as Lord of all.

With the very limited resources outreach has not been on a colossal scale. But from the first field in Montgomery district in the Punjab, the work has reached Butwal in Nepal and Bageshwar in M.P. The work in the Pilgrim Centre in Puri on the Orissa Coast has resulted in the formation of a congregation of 150 members inspite of heavy opposition. The congregation there is still growing. There is work in Bihar and West Bengal, Assam and Madhya Pradesh. Work is going on in Uppada in Andhra, in Muddeibihal in Karnataka, in 8 centres in Tamil-Nadu, in Diglipur in Andamans, and Jawar in Maharashtra. In the present year (1977) the work has been extended to Kashmir, to Baroda in Gujarat, Mallihabad near Lucknow, and to Sikkim. There are 52 fulltime workers in 18 centres at present, and 4 Organising Secretaries for different regions, besides the General Secretary Rev. K. G. S. Dorairaj and his staff at Headquarters in Madras.

Concerning cooperation with the churches, it may be mentioned that the Rewa Mission has been handed over to the Luthern Church, the North Kanara work to the Mar Thoma Church, Puram and Katteri fields in Tamil Nadu to the Coimbatore Diocese of the Churches of South India. By thus entrusting the pastoral care of the congregation with the churches working in the locality, the Society is made free to forge ahead with its main task of the evangelisation of the unreached areas.

Besides this, all members of the church have to be challenged to bear witness to Jesus Christ whatever their occupation in secular society may be. For realising this, the spiritual life of the Churches has to be revitalised. People have to meet for prayer and fellowship, in small groups and cells. Also training has to be given in communicating the message to others, through friendly contacts and rendering loving service to those in need. Financial resources also have to be provided to carry on the work in the different centres.

So we can help the work by:—

(a) praying regularly for it, in small and large groups,
(b) by contributing generously for it,
(c) by helping others to become supporters of the work
(d) by prayer and contributions and witness.

So, this call is again being sent out to all members of the Christian Church, irrespective of denominational differences, to dedicate themselves afresh to be Christ's living witnesses, and to

pray for the work carried on through *this inter denominational* organisation, as *the evangelistic arm of the Church* in India. Let us thank God for the vision granted to the founders, for the faithful witnesses who carried on the torch in the past 72 years and for all those who continue the noble effort today. And let us pray that the Lord of the Harvest may send forth more labourers to the harvest and may the sowing be done in every nook and corner of our great land, so that all may realise the saving power of God in Jesus Christ.

Tiruvalla,
30-6-1977

A. Mar Thoma,
(Alexander Mar Thoma, Metropolitan)

K. G. S. Dorairaj,
General Secretary

Henry Lazarus,
Assistant Bishop in Madras
Moderator's Commissary for Vellore Diocese and Acting President.

J. Colton Samuel
Hon. Treasurer

N. B.

If October 9th is not suitable to any congregation to observe the N.M.S. Sunday, they can observe the same on any other convenient Sunday.

Collections taken in the N.M.S meetings and in the N.M.S. Sunday Service or by special collection may kindly be forwarded to the Honorary Treasurer, N.M.S , 102, Peters Road, Madras-14.

PLEASE NOTE : –

Those who need "CALL TO PRAYER"

in English and Tamil may please write to—The N.M.S. Office, 102, Peters Road, Royapettah, Ms-14.

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APPEAL

for the observance of Prayer Week

N.M.S. Prayer Week—October 3rd to 9th
N.M S. Sunday, October 9th.

To

The Moderators/Bishops/Heads of Churches/Presbyters of Churches.

Dear Revered colleagues,

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord Jesus, who commissioned us to carry the Gospel to the utter most parts of the world.

As you are, no doubt aware, the N.M.S. was founded in 1905 by representatives of Christians from every part of this country belonging to the then existing five great denominations to work as *the evangelistic arm of the Church in India* to reach the un-reached people with the Gospel message.

The N.M.S. Sunday is observed every year on the second Sunday of October. The main object of this observance is to *unite all Christians* in this country in prayer for the spread of the Gospel and salvation of this land.

We are glad that the various Church-bodies have extended their support to the work of the Society. *The Church of South India and the Church of North India have by resolutions at their Synod level commended the Society to the concern and support of the whole Church. The Lutheran Church has been a partner in the Gospel from the beginning even to the extent of giving missionaries and finding financial support to the Society. The Mar Thoma Syrian Church has also been a partner in the Gospel from early times and their Metropolitans have always evinced keen and personel interest in the work of the Society.* However, it has been our sad experience in the past that only a few local churches had responded to our call for observing the N.M.S. Sunday.

It may not be out of place to mention here that during the last 72 years, the Society has worked in close cooperation with the church and, as per the objects of the Society, has always handed over to the nearby church *not only the souls won* by it, but *also the properties acquired* by it in the particular centre once its pioneering work in the centre has borne fruit and the time has come for it to move on to new areas. Thus the Society has been truly playing the vital role of a frontier force for the whole Church in its task of extension of His Kingdom in this land, *living for and completly giving itself* for the Church. In recent years, the Society has ventured into new and difficult areas

and is now operating in 18 centres in different parts of the country with 52 paid workers. Our workers are paid only a meagre stipend to maintain themselves and there is a strong case to improve their conditions of service. There are also demands to open new centres in cartain un-reached places.

In 1905 the Founding fathers of the Society estimated that 1/3 of the population had not been reached by the Gospel. To-day with the explosion of our population to 661 millions, the task before us is no less gigantic (even considering the growth of the Church during the intervening years) and calls for our whole-hearted encouragement of and support to every effort to bring the realisation of our dream of "India for Christ" nearer. We would therefore appeal to every Pastor/leader in charge of the local Churches to spur us on in our common task by kindly arranging to observe the N.M.S. Sunday in their Churches on 9th October, 1977. Copies of the Prayer Call for the Day will be sent shortly.

May we also hope it would be possible for you to ear-mark and send the offerings made at the service on that day for the support of the Society or make a special collection for the purpose. Money is, however, only a secondary consideration; unity in prayer on that Day is what we ardently seek.

Seeking your cooperation with prayers.

Yours in Him,

K. G. S. Dorairaj,
General Secretary

MEDITATION

Acts of Apostles—9th Ch. 15th Verse.

"He is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel."

St. Paul was intervened and made a slave of our Lord to take the Gospel to unreached because of the Jerusalem Church's unwillingness to disperse even to the districts of Judaea and Samaria. Our Lord through the persecution of the church made the church to disperse to the districts of Judaea and Samaria and through St. Paul He earried the Gospel to the Gentiles, who were unreached. Just like the Jerusalem church, when the Indian church was concerned about her own self and was reluctant to go to the unreached, our Lord urged 17 Chrsstian young men "from seven political divisions of the then India and Island of Ceylon, speaking eight different languages and belonging to five different denominaotins" to form a Society called "The National Missionary Society of India",

'which is *the first national indigenous missionary movement of its kind, ever organised in India*' in the month of December, 1905 with the sole object to "win India and surrounding countries for Christ". Just as St. Paul was called with a special vision, so the Society came into existence with a special mission to reach the unreached people of this country.

As St. Paul was CHOSEN VESSEL to take the Gospel to the Gentiles and to be an apostle *for the unity* of the Church, N.M.S. of India came into existence as a *chosen vessel* to preach the Gospel to the unreached people in this country and to urge the church to take up the responsibility *in unity* to preach the Gospel. N M.S. is trying to fulfil both these objects for the last 72 years by being *a national inter-denominational, indigenous missionary Society.*

Under Obligation to preach the Gospel. Rom. 1:14. As St. Paul realised that he was under obligation to preach the Gospel both to the civilised and to the savage, to the educated and to the ignorant, the N.M S. shoulders the responsibility to take the Gospel to the Tribals as well as to city dwellers to the Hindus as well as Muslims, to the Sikhs as well as to the heathens. *Being a national organisation, tha N M.S. always felt the obligation to the people of India, irrespective of their culture, civilisation, language, religion and geographical division. The N.M.S. in sill a debtor in preaching the Gospel to the 97.4% non-Christians of this land of ours.*

Press on, hoping to take hold of that for which Christ once took hold of the Society (Philippians 3:12). As we know, St. Paul strived very hard to fulfil the mission entrusted to him very faithfully against the opposition of the then church, as well as from the Gentiles to whom he carried the Gospel. So also the N.N.S. for the last 72 years has carried on the task entrusted to her even to the extent of over-draft of Rs. 46,000/- To-day, God had given her strength to expand and to reach many people in spite of the difficulties in those stations and want of sufficient financial. The workers do faithful work in spite of the meagre support fhey get. So, as the Metropolitan of the Mar Thoma Syrian Church has pointed out, the N.M.S. has carried faithfully the Gospel to the unreached people in this country. May we support this with our *prayer, participation and contribution*, "Expect great things from God and Attempt great things for God."

The following prayer may be used on NMS Sunday

PRAYER

O God, who made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on face of the earth, we thank you for sending your only

Son to offer Himself as a perfect sacrifice for the salvation of all nations. We thank you for the formation of the National Missionary Society of India, in your own time, through your faithful servants to carry the GOOD NEWS to the unreached, in this country. We pray to you to bless all the missionary efforts particularly the work and workers of the National Missionary Society of India. Quicker the day in wnich all the people of our country may accept, confess and worship you as their one God and Saviour. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.—Amen.

Litany

Let us Thank God

For your acts in the history of mankind at many times and in many ways through your faithful servants.

We thank you O, God.

For sending your only begotten Son into the world to save world from sin and suffering.

We thank you O, God.

For your commission to His disciples and through them to the church and to every believer to Preach, to make Disciple, to baptize and to instruct.

We thank you O, God.

For the churches evangelistic ministry and for the work of various missionary societies and particularly the NMS work.

We thank you O, God.

For the special vision of the founders of the N.M.S. to form the National Missionary Society of India as *the national, inter-denominational indigenous Society to win* India for Christ.

We thank you O, God,

For your help and guidance in the last 7? years in the life and activity of the Society.

We thank you O, God,

For the founders, officers, committee members and workers, who serve the Society faithfully till this day.

We thank you O, God,

For the sponsering bodies, viz., St. John's Church, Vellore, and St. Paul's Church, Vepery, Madras, the Kanyakumari Diocesan Prayer Band, Trivandrum Branch, Dindugal branch and all other supporters as branch and individuals.

We thank you O, God,

For the converts won by the Society and handed over to the churches in their respective areas.

We thank you O, God,

For the fruitful ministry and increased support by prayer and finance.

Let us pray for:

1. For the churches in India to realise their mission to reach the unreached people around them.

We beseach you to hear us O Lord.

2. For the various Missionary Societies, viz, I.M.S., N.M.S., F.M.P.B., I.E.M., etc., working in this land of ours to co-operate and coordinate in the evangelistic task.

We beseach you to hear us O Lord.

3. For various fields of the N.M.S. workers working in them.

We beseach you to hear us O Lord.

4. For the cooperation of the churches in this endeavour by their prayer and finance to reach the unreached 97.4%.

We beseach you to hear us O Lord.

5. For increase of financial support to enhance the stipend of our workers.

We beseach you to hear us O Lord.

6. For getting enough resources to meet the new challenges.

We beseach you to hear us O Lord.

Notes about the Fields of the N.M.S. in 1977

By God's grace and as per the vision of the founders the N.M.S. had become a dynamic society, ever increasing in its centres and in winning souls for Christ. We are thankful to God for all His mercies in guiding the Society.

Kashmir: Ater three years prayer with a burden for Kashmir, God opened the way to open a centre with the help of the only Church, in the Valley, All Saints Church at Srinagar. At the recommendations of All Saints Church we appoited a convert from Islam one Mr. Tahir Masih. He resigned from Government job to be our evangelist. The centre was opened on 1—3—1977. He has won another muslim youth Manzur, who was baptised as Manzur Masih on Easter Day. In spite of opposition and persecution Mr. Tahir Masih contacts the muslims and gives tracts. The Trivandrum N.M.S. branch undertakes to support the worker.

Bageshwar: This is a pilgrim centre. On the way to Rishikesh at festival times, our evangelis; preaches in Melas, contacts the people in the locality and surronnding villages. His wayside pulpit and preaching in Mela have attracted the visitors and they enquire about Jesus and of personal salvation. As the centre is with a floating population, the seed sown may sprout somewhere else.

Malligabad: This is an Urudu centre near Lucknow branch.

Nepal: As the church has been stablished in Butwal, which is a self managing and self-propagating one, has a close co-operation with the Nepal Christian fellowship. We transferred our experienced worker Mr. V. T. Abraham to Sikkim, and now we have got Nepalese converts to work in two centres.

Baitadi: This is a completely unreached place. Mr. Lal Bahadur Pun, who has resigned his job as Lab-assistant in the Mission Hospital to do fuli time evangeltic work has been appointed in the centre and one Mr. Lal Bahadur Rana works as a honorary worker to reach the unreached villages at Butwal. Most of the work is done by personal contacts.

Sikkim: Opening of the centre was delayed due to the political situation in that State. God helped us to open the centre during this year. Mr. V. T. Abrham and his family moved into Sikkim at the beginning of this June, 1977. Abrahams had worked in Nepal for twelve years, and they have acquired a good knowledge of the language and experiences. They are staying about seven kilometers from Ganktok and carrying on the work by personal contacts mostly. They are having good contacts with the local church. They face the problems of educating their children.

Bihar: Mr & Mrs. Asgar Hussain Wahdi. Mr. & Mrs, Wahdi our workers are muslim converts, who are living in unreached places among muslims and doing many personal contacts by the distribution of tracts, by running a library and by open air preaching whenever possible. We had the report of our Organising Secretary stating that they are doing good work and have won people for Christ, who would be baptised soon.

Malligachi-West Bengal: Mr. Panual Sircar. He takes keen interest in the backward and unreached places. There were enquires and were baptised, but rhe local people had created trouble so much that the evangelist had to be away from the station for some time.

Puri: Our team of workers under Pastor G. Rosiah are doing regular work. His congregation is spiritually high, making impact on people by life and prayers. They had led the people to Christ. Some are waiting for baptism. God willing Mr. Rosiah will be ordained by the end of this year.

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Madhya Pradesh: Rev. Edwin Sheering reported of his regular visits, tracts distribution among educated people on 17—7—1977. One Narendra had been baptised as John Peter and three more enquirers are there waiting for baptism.

Rajasthan: As there are other missionary societies working in Ajmer, we moved the centre from Ajmer to Kota. Rev. Padam Singh has been appointed as our Missionary. He carrys on the work. The difficulties of the Rajasthan field is known to us all, but yet the challenge is great.

Gujarat: Baroda. Rev. Alfred K. Chavan, who had been lent by the M.C.S.A., (Methodist Church of South Asia) is contacting the Christians and the missionaries of the churches to lay the burden of preaching the Gospel in Gujarat State. He has conducted prayer meetings.

Mudhebihal: Mr. Franklin Bhasmi, our evangelist in a keen and regular preacher, working and contacting people in he villages around Mudhibihal. He has a good way of contacting teachers in the village schools and the pupils.

Andamans: Rev. & Mrs. Joseph Wilson stayed in Diglipur in North Andamans for the last two years and carried on the work successfully for two years. They had converts among Telugu settlers; He is very anxious to approach the Bengal settlers, and so he wants to learn Bengalee songs to approach them. He is at present doing deputation in Andhra Pradesh.

Assam, Maharashtra & Uppada: Work is carried on in those centres by voluntary workers.

HAPPY NEWS

We are happy to in form our readers the following Good News :—

Wedding

God willing Rev. Paul Sanjeevi. our missionary in Jawadhi hills and Miss. Santha Caruniya of Dohnavur fellowship will get married in the C.S I. Wesley Church, Royapettah Madras-600014, on Thursday the 29th September 1977 at 5 P.M. Friends are requested pray for them.

New Borns

Pastor G. Rosiah, our Missionary in PURI—Orissa and his wife were blessed with a girl child.

Mr. P. Rajian and his wife were blessed with a boy ch.

Bon Flight

Our Tamil Nadu Organising Secretary Rev. J. M. Jayasingh Proceeds to South Korea for Higher Studies.

Friends are requested to remember the new borns and their parents and Rev. J. M. Jayasingh in their prayers.

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PRAYER

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MEDITATION

"They have all gone astray, They are all alike corrupt. There is none that does goad. No not one."

Psalm 14:3

"God so loved the world that He gave His only Son."

Jn. Ch. 3:16

The writers of psalms put in writing their experiences in the world in relation to their faith in the Almighty God. In Psalm 14, the writer imagines that God looked down upon the world, and understood it. He could not find one who would act wisely and seek after Him.

There is none that does good :

The world in which the Psalmist was in described in V. 2.

It is not differennt to our experience in our country in the daily ond political life of the people. If God were to see our country He would have exclaimed as the Psalmist: 'They have all gone astray. They are all alike corrupt. There is none that does good. No not one,

God loved the world :

God did not hate the world He created, because He could not find a single riteous man, but He loved it to such an extend to send His only Son as the missionary to expose His love to the people and to win them through His sacrifice.

"While we are yet sinners Christ died for us."
1 Jn. 4:9

This Divine mission, St. Paul claims, was committed to us.

I Cor. 3:5 & 6

It is not because of our worthiness but because of His grace He has chosen us and given us this mission. The aim of this Divine Mission is to change the universe to be His "dwelling Place" For this transformation St. Pauls thinks that weaklings like us were chosen.

God chose what is low and despised in the world, even the things that are not, to bring to nothing the things that are."
I Cor. 1:28

Have we realised as Christians our responsibility to the people of our motherland ? To make us realise our mission the NMS was formed by the urge of God. So the NMS from 1905 tries to impress our people with the responsibility of the transforming our country as one Lord and people. How can we fulfil this Mission today ?

—By helping the NMS with prayer, contribution and participation.

The National Missionary Society of India

Forward—Written by Founders in 1905

In Carey's historic library at Serampore, on December 25th, 1905, with delegates present from each province and portion of India, Burma and Ceylon, there was organised "THE NATIONAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF INDIA". Uniting as it does the Christians of all churches and of all provinces into one great society for the evangelisation of India and adjacent lands, its organisation marks a new era in the history of India. It is remarkable that just two hundred years since Ziegenbalg came to India as the first Protestant missionary, exactly one

hundred years since Samuel Mills at Williamstown with his fellow-students at the "Haystack Prayer Meeting" began the great missionary movement in America, and precisely a hundred years since the saintly Henry Martyn landed in India and lived and laboured in this very spot, the Christians of India have now united in **the first national, indigenous missionary movement of its kind ever organised in India.** While the sessions of the conference were held in the great library where William Carey laboured, the constitution of the new society was adopted in the old pagoda where Henry Martyn worked and prayered for the evangelisation of this land. *With Indian men, Indian money and Indian management, the society is controlled by a Central Executive Committee, and a national council with representatives from each persidency and each larger mission or Christian body in a province; and aided by the counsel of an Advisory Board of experienced missionaries. Founding no new denomination, but preserving the strongest loyalty to the churches; soliciting no funds outside of India, but laying the burden for India's evangelisation upon her own sons, we believe the society is organised on a sound and safe basis.* Only after months of careful planning, and after securing the approval of hundreds of representative Indians and European Missionaries in every part of the empire, has this important step been taken.

Editorial

The readers are informed that after trying for the past 18 months to cope up with the old schedule of despatching the NMI at the end of every previous month we are able to achieve this only in this issue. We could not keep up with the schedule because of the power cut. We thank God we are able to come to the schedule now.

MADRAS CITY AREA COMMITTEE PUBLIBATION

The July issue as usual is the Madras City Area Committee issue which we made into a general issue this year, in which we publish the collections collected by conveners and others during the finincial year; that is from the 1st April to the 31st March, as received by the Head Quarters So individual contributions through the collectors are published once a year. But those receipts which come straight to the office were published when we published our bi-monthly statement of receipts. The names of those who were sent to the office could not be includee with the conveners collection, because they were already published. We

do not have the details of the names of contributions from some conveners so we acknowledge the amount received as through the convener.

We could not publish the monthly city area collection collected through conveners because of repetition and because of the increase in cost of printing of thousand and odd names every month.

The amount published in 1st July's issue is for the receipts received by the office from the 1st April 1976 to the 31st March 1976.

We thought of publishing the details of receipts with the names of contributors, but we could not do so because of the heavy work in the office connected with the Triennial Conference. So, the bi-monthly publication will be published in the next issue as an Half-Yearly publication.

NMS PRAYER WEEK & NMS SUNDAY

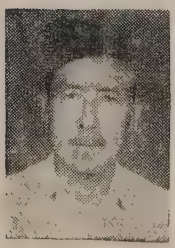
The members are requested to observe NMS Prayer week either by Prayer meetings or in Church services by arranging with the priest in charge.

Personal Exprience of our Honorary worker in Nepal

Tulsipur
15—9—77

Dear General Secretary,

I am sending this report for the month of September. On the 3rd September Mr. Hari Bahadur of Pokhra, Mr. K. M. Tamang and myself left Butwal and reached Bardadi which is 90 k.m. away and very near to Narayanghat. There is a nearby village known as Dharapani. We reached there about 4 p.m. There were 30 people who accepted Jesus as their Saviour for the past 10 years. They were surrounded by the Lama's and Hindus. Once in a while the people from Pokhra or Butwal visited them.



Lal Bahadur Rana

Three of us visited a house at Bardadi and conducted a prayer meeting. The nxet day, the 4th September we visited a believer's house at Dharapani and had a prayer meeting. By that time about three four hundred people from the nearby villages came and caught us. Along with

them there were about 15 believers of Jesus Christ. The mob started beating and questioning us. But some good persons from the village came to our rescue. Then they stopped beating us.

Later the chief of the Panchayat came and called the Police. They came immediately. Three strong men caught me and beat me terribly on my face and whole body. I fainted for a wnile. I am still having pain in my legs. Around 5 p.m. they took us to the Panchayat Office. One Sub-Inspector and 2 constables came from Parasi at about 10 p m. The Sub-Inspector wanted to give a warning to the believers of that area and set us free. The S I. warned us that if we come there again they would put us in jail. But the people did not agree with him. They compelled the police to take us to the station and beat us severely.

Later about 12 midnight they took us to the Navel Parasi Station along with the 15 local believers. We reached there at about 3 a.m. on the 5th morning Later the Sub-Inspector came and asked the people whether he could send them back to their village. Then he warned us not to come there again or if we come again we would go to jail. Then he left us free. We reached Butwal on the same day about 8 p.m.

While we were in Panchayat Bhawan we had a chance to tell about Christ and how we became Christians.

Now I remember when Jesus was caught and sent to Pilot all the others were with him and made charges against Jesus in the same way they have done to us. They seized our Bibles. Let the Holy Spirit talk to the police through our Bibles.

Please pray for the believers and their families. Please pray for us also. May God Bless you,

Yours in Him,

Lal Bahadur Rana

HOW I BELIEVED IN JESUS

My elder Brother Yusuf and a Christian Preacher Tahir Masih used to sit together to discuss about religon often. In those discussions my brother Yusuf used to say that Islam is the best religion of all, but Tahir Masih said that Jesus is the Saviour. Both of them had been trying their best to prove their sayings and to convince each other From both sides both of them have been ttying to convert each other to their own faith.

But the discussion remained in the a tmosphere of good understanding and in a friendly way. Whenever they met for discussion, in the endit was proved that the Lord Jesus Christ is the only Saviour of mankind. Yusuf my brother realising it submitted his mind and soul to Jesus Christ, which made me think over myself as I was the listener of their meetings.

Mansur-Ur-Masih

This made me to read the Holy Bible by myself. By reading the Bible I realised that law was given through Moses, but the Grace of God through His only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Once as I was studing the Bible I saw a vision in which a gentleman coming along with Mr. Tahir Masih to our home. The stranger's face was shining. They both shook hands with me. After shaking hands with them, I enquired from Mr. Tahir Masih who the gentleman was? Tahir said 'This is the man whom you had been looking for" (that is Jesus Christ). Since then my heart was filled with joy and peace. I state that for these reasons I gave my heart to Jesus Christ.

I thank God almighty, who sent His only Son for the attonment of our sins. He bore all our sins and went up to His Father and is seated on the right hand of God. He will come to judge the living and the dead. At the end all of us may have the power to glorify Him, through Jesus Christ.

Mansur-Ur-Masih

OBITUARY

We deeply regret to inform our readers that Miss Leelavathy Cotelingam, retired Principal of Maharani's College, Bangalore died at the age of 84 on July 20th, 1977 in Nasik in the home of her sister Mrs. Hannah Handarhathy.

She is the eldest daughter of Late Principal J. P. Cottelingam of Bellary. She had her collegiate education at Women's Christian College and Presidency College, Madras, and got her L.T. Degree. She worked as a staff member of the London Mission

Girls' School, Bangalore and rose to be the Principal of that institution. She proceeded to London to be trained at 'Fox Lease' A home of Girl Guides'. She worked as Asst. Professor in Maharani's College and became its Principal. She was also the state Commissioner of Girl Guides.

In the midst of all her arduous secular duties and responsibilities, she never forgot she was a Christian. On her retirement in 1948, she continued to take active interest in the social and cultural life of the Church in Bangalore, for she had dedicated her life to the Lord and gave it away in service full and free.

All her life like her father Miss Cotelingam took active interest in the work of the NMS and she was the President of the Bangalore Branch for many years. She associated herself with the work of the society.

Besides being an outstanding lady, she was a devote Christian, attending church services at St. Andrews regularly and spent time reading her Bible and praying. She was indeed "A good and faithful servant"—a source of inspiration to many.

Grace Sathyaraj

FELICITATION

We are glad to inform our readers that Mr. G. Isaac Sathyaraj and Dr. Mrs. Sathyaraj celebrate their 30th Wedding Aniversary on the 24th September 1977. Not only they, their children, daughter-in-law and sons-in-law and grand children are Life Members of the N M.S. We wish them many happy returns of this day and congratulate them. All friends are kindly requested to pray for them. We assure them of our continued prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We regret to inform that the Triennial Conference is postponed from Oct. 20th 1977 to Nov. 10—12. Executive Committee will meet on 9th.

General Secretary.

The Thanjavur N. M. S. Branch will have the N. M. S. Annual Sale on the 8th October 1977. Friend are kindly requested to extend their co-operation by attending the sales as they did in the past. The Sale proceeds will be used for Evangelical, medical, educational and social work among the unreached people in our country.

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We are happy to inform that the Madurai City Area Committee will hold their Annual Sale on the 8th October 1977 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Nehru Vidyalaya, Prasad Road, Madurai. Dr. C. G. Anbunathan F. R. C. P. is the Chief Guest.

2nd October — One Day Retreat

8th October — NMS Annual Sales

9th October — Kaletchebam by Vidwan Wilson Thangaraj Thiruvannamalai

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PACIFIC SCHOOL OF RELIGION

MEDITATION

1 Corinthians Chapter 1 Verse 28.

"God chose.....to bring to nothing things that are."
R.S.V.

"He has chosen.....to overthrow the existing order."
NEB

"He chose.....in order to destroy what the world thinks important." GNB

St. Paul in his missionary tour confronted the Jews who sought heavenly "signs" to believe in Messiahship of Jesus and the Greeks who sought wisdom in high philosophical discourse in religion. In contrast to their expectation Paul believed that he was the precision of the Divine revelation in Jesus Christ and him crucified which is the clue to world problems. But this message was 'folly' to both.

God Choose:

God thoughts are not our thoughts neither His ways are our ways. God choose the church which was and is composed

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The National Missionary Society of India

All India Triennial Council 1977 will be held at Vellore

November 10th—12th

Inaugural Address:	By Rt. Rev. R. Antony Muthu Bishop of Vellore.
Bible Study:	By Rev. G. Selvaraj B.A.,L.T., B.D., M.Th. TELC
Main Speaker:	Mr. K. P. Mathai, M.A. SIBS—Bangarpet
Report from fields of NMS	By workers

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of not many intellectuals, men of position, and social status and those who were counted as nothing to discredit the human pride. He wants his church and induvidual christians to be His instruments to change the existing order.

The Existing Order :

The present existing order in the world is not divine order but found by fallen human society, which alienates from God and set against itself. So the Psalmist said, in Psalm 14:3&4.

> "They have all gone astray, they are all alike corrupt ;
> there is none that does good, no not one."

> "Have they no knowledge, all the evil doers,
> who eat up my people as they eat bread,
> and do not call upon the Lord ?"

Paul describes in Romans 1 : 22-34 "Claiming to be wise, they become fools, and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man or birds or animals or reptiles." etc.

Overthrowing :

Overthrowing is not destroying but transforming. In the history of mankind God used only week things to change the mankind. So he choose the "Cross" against sign seekers and wisdom lovers, which diminished the world thought as divine folly to work out Salvation of the world. He gave His son who choose ordinary men to bring out this change working as salt and leaven.

For Paul "Cross" alone posses the clue to the meaning of quest and question of the whole world's religious history.

So God uses you and the church of which you are a member to achieve His plan of changing the present world order.

ARE YOU A PARTICIPANT IN GOD'S PLAN ?

EDITORIAL

N.M.S. Sunday Schools

In this issue Mr. G. Solomon has written an article about the Sunday Schools run for non-Christian children in various parts of the Madras City under the auspicies of Madras City Area Committee and the results, as many of us know these are due to Mr. Solomon's untiring efforts.

The Madras City area committee came into existence and continues to grow steadly in strength forming new branches and enlisting new members and increasing contributions every year for the spread of the gospel. The article is born out of experience. Hence, it is an answer to the people who ask in various places what does NMS do here in our midst ? This is an example that every branch in this country can adapt which will quicken the cause of the spread of the gospel. So, I commend this to the readers to adapt it in their respective places.

The Trivandrum branch has an evangelistic field and does evangelistic work in co-operation with the church apart from sending regular support for a worker in Jawadhi and the full cash for Kashmir work. This also can be adapted in various towns to do evangelistic work in its suburbs.

As it is the fundamental principle of the NMS to cooperate with the church in the evangelisation, the members of the NMS can involve fully in the evangelistic task of their congregation. In these ways each NMS Branch can be a lively and an active organisation as an arm of the church in their area.

Publication of Accounts :

We publish in this issue the receipts for the last six months that is from April 1st to September 31st 1977. As our Accountant left us and we had two raw hands who could not cope up with the work, though the receipts from each area may be correct the details and names of individuals could not be published correctly. So we had also no time to go through patiently all the records to get the names published. May I request the contributors to be kind enough to accept our apologies for omissions or incorrectness in the publication. This will be amended in the next issue.

It was decided in the Madras City Area Committee meeting held on 13-10-77; that the collection from Madras city area including collections received directly by the office to be published in July every year. So Madras City Area collection will be published in July 1978.

Triennial Council :

As already been notified in the last issue the Triennial Council was postponed due to unavoidable reasons to Nov. 10th—12th. The members are requested to pray for the same.

N. M. S. SUNDAY SCHOOLS

From the very beginning of its formation, the Madras City Area Committee started Sunday Schools in the Slum areas. The first one was held in Swamy Reddy Puram, Egmore, in the open space adjoining the mud huts of some of the poor families known to Mr. V. Samuel of the Esplanade Y.M.C.A. who was living in that neigebourhood. After about a year, one of those families expressed their interest in attending a church service and the whole family of P. S, Ponraj with two grown up girls and one small boy were taken to the Tamil Methodist Church, Vepery. They continued attending the Sunday morning service, and after about 6 months they were all baptized and became members of the church. The small boy named Robert Solomon is now an active worker in the church and a teacher in the very same sunday school which is now conducted in the premises of the Egmore Y.M.C.A Centre by Mrs. V. Samuel.

In the course of the past twenty years, ten other Sunday Schools were started in various places and all except one are still carried on. The one that was discontinued after about five years had benefited about 30 children of the Corporation sanitary workers living in a remote area near Elephant Gate. G.T. Mr. S. D. Lite and his fifteen children used to walk all the way from Choolai to that place, and one of them, Samuel, now a college graduate is still helping in a Sunday School started about a year ago in the slum area on Barrack Road, Periamet.

About a year ago, in the Sunday School at Lauders' Gate area Vepery we received a miraculous answer to our prayers on behalf of a Hindu young man of 32 years who used to stand aside and watch the children singing and learning and praying. He had a deformity in his leg after a fever and he could not walk without somebody's aid. And he was sent away from the factory where he was employed as a workman One day, after the Sunday class was over he went to the teacher and requested to pray for him. At once, every one knelt down and prayed. And thereafter a few of them prayed for him daily. Two pastors from churches nearby were also invited to his house to pray for him. The Principal of the neighbouring girls High School also prayed regularly for him. One day, early in the morning when he started out as usual, he felt he could walk well without an aid. And he ran to one of the teacher who lived quite close to his house and exclaimed "Sir look at me, I can now walk well". Immediately the whole area came to know of it and the Sunday School arranged a public Thanksgiving meeting in the street. Great was the rejoicing of all those who attended the meeting

and saw the young man walk by himself. The very next week he went back to the factory from which he had been sent away and the Manager took him back to work. He is now a disciple of Christ and he is a teacher in that same Sunday School where he had first heard the story of the Saviour.

The following are the other areas where our Sunday Schools are held: Kilpauk Secretariat Colony, Lauders' Gate, Vepery, Santosh Nagar, Egmore, Langs Garden, Egmore, N.M.S. House, Royapettah, Thulasinga Chetty Street Saidapet. The following are some of the N.M.S. Veterans who are now teaching in these schools: Mrs. V. Samuel, Mr. Robert Solomon, Mr. G. A. Vetharaj, Mrs. M. S. Jothi, Miss Vimala David Mr. Jaslin Vethakumar Mr. Lyte Samuel, Mr. Barnabas Samuel, Mr. Joshua Vethakumar Mr. & Mrs. G. David, Mr. Nesamony, Mr. G. N. Dorairaj, Mr. J. S. Kadirvelu, Mrs. G. Kesari, Mrs. Aruua Dorairaj, Mrs. Vincent Solomon, Dr. Julia Solomon, Miss Pamela Solomon, Miss Christabella Solomon, Mr. Jeyakumar Samuel, Miss Lydia Victor, Miss Vimala Dani Bai.

Besides teaching songs, Bible verses and stories, the Children are occasionally taken out to the nearest Parks and Playgrounds and thus given an outing and a light feeding. In one school, the children who came with dirty clothes are given a piece of sunlight soap so that they may come next time with clean clothes. In some schools the children are occasionally given sweets or bujjis. In some others, tests are conducted occasinally to assess the knowledge gained by the children and small prizes are given to those who show their keeness and enthusiasm in learning what they are taught. During Christmas, every school is given a small sum of money from the funds of the N.M.S. to celebrate the festival in their own way.

A special Sunday School Fund has been started with a donation of Rs. 1000/- given by a N.M S. member who is keen on promoting these Sunday Schools. To this fund is added the thank offerings collected at the Cottage Prayer Meetings. This fuud will make available to the Sunday School any reasonable amount they need to expand their activities. It is hoped that these Sunday Schools will hereafter function as Children's Clubs.

We need now willing workers who could spare an hour at least on Sundays, 4 to 5 p.m. We want every N.M.S. Convener in the city to arrange and carry on at least one children's Club in his or her area. Very soon we will arrange a conference of all these leaders of Children's Clubs.

AN APPEAL

Dear friends,

The Christmas, the festival of JOY is fast approaching. The society is ever grateful to all the friends who helped the society to CHEER the workers of the NMS, on this happy season by their liberal contributions in the past. The NMS missionaries are in the most difficult places, devoid of any Christian fellowship and without chances of participating in Christian festivities. Some of them can not even attend a Christmas service. They are in such places on our behalf carrying the GOOD NEWS of Salvation to the unreached people, in all states of our country.

The late Bishop Joshi initiated the CHRISTMAS CHEER to workers in the Executive meeting under his chairmanship in Bombay, in 1975. This was welcomed by the members cheerfully and they promised liberal amounts from their areas. Most of them kept their promises. So we were able to distribute a decent amount as christmas gift to all the workers that year for the first time. The workers were happy and grateful for the same.

Last year also we were able to disburse a decent amount (though less than in 1975) but this was possible because of the undisbursed amount received late in 1975 which were added to the amounts received in 1976. We have no such balance this year.

I request earnestly on behalf of the Society to all friends, committee members and Council members to contribute liberally on behalf of their area for CHRISTMAS CHEER to our workers and show our interest in their happiness on this festival season.

We have now 52 workers, most of them married and with children.

Friends who send gifts may please indicate in the M.O. coupon or in the note, that the gifts are towards 'Christmas Cheer' for workers.

N. B. Please note that the N.M.S. does not permit personal gifts. All gifts in cash or kind may kindly be sent to the H.Q.

General Secretary

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,, Gunarathnam	8	00
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Staff Mithralaya Girls High School	113	00
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„ Inbanathan	50	00
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Mr. & Mrs. J. David	120	00
friend through Mr. David	40	00
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North Tamil Area

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Christ Church, Salem	48	00
Ebenezer School, Katpadi	72	00
Dr. M. John, Vellore	170	00
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	2,352	45

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Zion Church, Dharmapuri	107	50
Teacher's Training Institute for Women Salem	95	
Thro' Mr. R. Daniel, Salem	280	00
Mr K John Heller, Dharmapuri	27	00
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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

We Wish all our Readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year 1978

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DECEMBER 7th — 11th 1977

Place of Meeting : **NEHRU STADIUM**

Please pray for :

1. The Two Main Speakers :
   Dr. BILLY GRAHAM
   Dr. AKBAR HAQQ
2. The Interpreters.
3. Effective counselling and follow-up programmes.
4. Sunny weather.
5. Above all for the out-pouring of God's Spirit during the festival.

All the NMS Members are cordially invited to attend these meetings.

General Secretary

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

(By The Rt. Rev. I. P. Andrews, Bishop of Kolhapur and President of the National Missionary Society of India)

It gives me great joy to send my greetings and blessings to the Churches, and specially those who are involved in the work and support of the National Missionary Society of India.

May you all have a heavenly song and melody started in your hearts, by the Holy Spirit because of the unspeakable joy given to us through unspeakable gift of God in the Birth, Life, Death and Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. God was in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself. In that context we are designated as the Ambassadors of the Lord Jesus Christ and of God Most High and unto us is committed the Ministry of reconciliation and the word of reconciliation.

In the New Year and in the years to come, may it be your great privilege to bring God and man together, as well as man and man together, and spread the Gospel of reconciliation through length and breadth of our Motherland.

May God grant us His new experience in this Ministry of reconciliation.

With blessings,

(Sd.) **Rt. Rev. I. P. Andrews**

MEDITATION

BENEFITS OF INCARNATION

" *We saw his Glory, such glory as befits of father's only son* " *Jn. 1 : 14.*

" *The son who is the effulgence of God's splendour and a stamp of God's very being* " *Heb. 1 : 3.*

" *He is the image of invisible God* " *Col. 1 : 15.*

1. We get the knowledge of God.

The estranged humanity lost not only fellowship with God but also the knowledge of God. The estrangement was such that when

Moses wanted to see God's glory he was informed that no 'mortal man may see and live'.

St. John declares that none has ever seen God. Because of this ignorance mankind "Has exchanged the splendour of immortal God for image." To save this estranged humanity which is in darkness of the knowledge of God, God sent His only begotton Son.

John says that in Jesus we see the unseen God. Our Lord Himself said that "Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father". So by incarnation we get knowledge of God which had been the experience to this day as different Saints have written

2. Man and God are reconciled.

God reconciled the estranged mankind to Himself in and through His Son.

St. Paul says, "God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself" So those who have faith in Jesus Christ could be reconciled with God even to day and have the fellowship and the joy of salvation. So far those who are reconciled have no enrmity and the mid-wall of partition between God and man is broken.

Incarnation gave us immortality.

By the resurrection of our Lord, He has established that the life does not end with death but there is life after that which is the life eternal. 'He has broken the power of death and brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel' 2 Tim 1 : 10.

We have life after death. "So death is the beginning of life. So we are the pilgrims of eternity so life has a new value because it is not on the way to extinction and obliteration but to consummation and completion.

As we are approaching the Advent and the preparation of Christmas which is the festival of incarnation in which we remember the great act of God, it is not only an occasion of joy and happiness but is an occasion to renew the relationship with our God which was given to us by the incarnation of His Son.

THE NATIONAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF INDIA

(FOUNDERS' STATEMENT)

In making a study of the unoccupied fields of India from the recently published Government Census Reports supplemented by letters sent to missionaries in all parts of India, the fact was borne in upon us that, after allowing for large increase in missionary work throughout this generation, there will still be 100,000,000 of our fellow countrymen beyond the utmost reach of all exisiting missionary agencies in this land. A small portion of the facts obtained in this study are published in this number under the title of "The unoccupied Fields of India".

How then are these 100,000,000 or one-third of the population of India to be evangelized? Our first thought was to look to the missionary societies of Europe and America which have already undertaken the evangelization of some two-thirds of the country.

Letters were written to the principal missionary societies in England and America, asking if they could open new missions in these unoccupied districts: or if that were impossible whether they would favour the attempt being made by Indian Christians themselves to the evangelization of their country. The replies received from these societies up to date indicate that there is such a shortage of both men and money for nearly all the foreign societies that they cannot undertake in the near future any new mission.

The Indian Church then stands face to face with the problem if the foreign societies will be taxed to the uttermost to give the gospel, even superficially, to two-thirds of the population of India, the remaining third, or 100,000,000 can look only to us for any possible hearing of the gospel of Jesus Christ in this generation. Other generations may or may not be true to their trust These one hundred millions now living can look only to us, and we Indian Christians must preach the gospel to our own generation if they are ever to hear the gospel.

While vast districts are still unoccupied and unclaimed, we have over a million Protestant Christians in India who might meet that need. Many of them, especially in the South are in old communities of the third and fourth, generation with numercial strength, growing education and wealth, and often, with growing worldiness, owing largely to a lack of outlet and sense of responsibility for the evangelization of our own people.

Indigenous societies, like the Indian Missionary Society of Tinnevelly, working in connection with a single mission, have shown the possibility of Indian Christian mastering another language and successfully carrying on mission work at a distance, with their own men and money and management. Such societies however, are necessarily local and limited, and they exist only in one or two places.

There are numbers of men who could go, but who have no indigenous society that could send them; and churches which could give, but which have no missionary society that is really their own. We feel that the time has now come for a National Missionary Society of India, conducted by Indian leaders, supported by Indian funds, managed by Indian men maintaining loyalty to the churches and working in harmony with existing missions, but placing people for the work which they shall feel to be their own

This movement is organized in no spirit of antipathy to existing missions If it had not been for the deep foundations already laid by them this movement would have been impossible and we believe, moreover, and ardently hope that this movement will tend not only to offer an outlet and make an appeal for indigenous sacrifices and effort, but will tend to bind more closely together the two races which have hitherto been associated under the providence of God for the spread of the gospel in this land.

The aim of the movement is to open new missions in unoccupied fields which could not otherwise hear the gospel, and to lay upon the Christians of India the burden of responsibility for the evangelization of our own country. This involves a two-fold work. On the one hand it means opening a new mission station and sending Indian missionaries to unoccupied fields. On the other hand it will require the development of the missionary spirit in the Indian Church. We desire to see a missionary crusade preached throughout the churches of India. We long for and hope to do our part in the development of a new national consciousness. We desire to re-echo in every place the obligation of Christians to PRAY, GIVE and GO. We would call upon every Christian who loves' the Lord Jesus Christ, and who believes in the power of prayer to join with us as we "pray the Lord of the harvest to thrust forth labourers into His harvest." We urge all Christians to give not only to their own Church, but also for the evangelization of India as a whole. We would suggest first a missionary campaign in every place to arouse Christians to witness for Christ and to work personally in the place where they are. and to organize bands for preaching the gospel in the surrounding villages. And, further we would appeal to young men to yield their lives to Christ and to go forth at His command to win this country for Him.

As an organization we will receive voluntary contribution from individuals, churches or communities, and will administer the same as a trust for them. We are ready to receive applications from young men who are, at present students or who have already entered secular employments, to work as missionaries under this Society. In heralding this new missionary message we are sure that more workers than before will be raised up for the older missions. The work in this National Missionary Society will involve such sacrifice, will call for men to leave home and work in such remote places. and will require men of such deep spiritual lives and thorough training that there will always be many who would be prevented by circumstances from considering this call. But our appeal is not merely for a few men for our own Society, but for the evangelization of India as a whole, by whatever means or through whatever organization.

Where strong Indian Missionary societies already exist in communities large enough and strong enough to furnish their own men, their own money, and to conduct their own missionary operation successfully, we would invite the affiliation of such Societies with the National Movement allowing them representation upon our Council and co-operating with them in their local work, while leaving them perfectly autonomous and independent. One source of weakness in the past, however, has been division, isolation, lack of unity, lack of national consciousness and of wide horizon. Let us remember that the mighty influence of the spirit that unites us in Christ is more powerful than all the influences of men or race or creed to divide us. We have one God and Father; one Lord and Master, who prayed that we might all be one in love. We are members of one body; we are united by one Spirit. Let us; therefore, strive to "keep the unity of the Spirit, till we attain the unity of the faith." Welded together by a common work, fighting a common battle against a common foe, "all one in Christ." let us all unite in this national movement. *(to be continued)*

ALL INDIA TRIENNIAL COUNCIL VELLORE 1977

By the grace of God and by the guidance of the Rt. Rev. Henry Lazarus, the Vellore Diocesan Officers, and by the local Reception Committee appointed by them, we were able to have the Council at Voorhees College campus from November 10th—12th. Mr. G Selva raj of TELC in Madras conducted the Bible Study and gave an Evangelistic address in the evening. Mr. K. P. Mathai of South India Bible Seminary gave three challenging messages.

I just gathered the impressions from the members of the Coun cil who attended the last four councils and they in union expressed that this is the best of the four. But we needed more time to have deliberations on the centres. So we thank God for His mercies in guiding us in the conduct of the Council. The new officers of the Executive Committee were elected in the Council for the Triennium 1977—1980. This triennium is an important triennium since we have to reach another milestone. The Council concluded with a challenging concluding devotion by the Rev. C. G. Alexander of Marthoma Sabah.

Keen interest was shown by all delegates to increase the stipend of our workers. They voted to increase 10% of the present salary from 1—4—1977. Unless every delegate takes steps to see that we get an increased income to the NMS, the present financial position will not permit us to implement the resolutions of the Council. So we plead with every member to help us to fulfil the decision of the council by increasing their contribution at least by 25%.

We once again thank God for all his mercies during the years that have passed and for the present blessing of the Triennial Council and we are also grateful to Bishop Henry Lazarus, Dr. M. J John, Principal of the College who made all the arrangements, Mr. I. J. Rajamanickam, the Secretary of the Diocese, Rev. S. Gnana sundaramani, convener of the local Committee and all the committee members, and staff of the college who have helped for the successful conduct of the Council. We specially remember. Dr. Jayakaran Isaac who looked after the food arrangements and assisted Dr. John in the arrangements for the Council.

General Secretary.

NEWS FROM CENTRES AND REQUEST OF PRAYERS

Kashmir: We had received good reports in person from Mr. Tahir Masih our evangelist and Rev. Yonathan Paljor, the Presbyter of All Saints Church at Kashmir. Rev. John Rae, the Principal of the Tyndale Biscos School Srinagar, writes in his letter as follows:

Rev. Yonathan is still our Pastor of All Saints. I wish you could have been there last Sunday. We had a full church-people from every corner of India as well as Overseas The C. N. I. Communion service was in Urdu, with the sermon by Father Chatterjee from Calcutta in English. I noticed Mr. Gergan, Catherine Anne's

God father, sitting with two Buddhist Monks and later was introduced to one of them, a fine man Secretary to the Dalai Lama. I felt that the sermon had been especially helpful for him. At the end of the service we had a baptism Tahir, now a full time evangelist, brought forward a young man from a village twenty miles away who spoke up clearly. There is a steady trickle of such baptisms, and we feel sure that God is at work in this State.

Tahir is in fact doing an excellent job and is clearly God's man for the movement-small but significant which is taking place among Kashmir Muslims.

This is an example for the Churches. The Srinagar Church congregation sets an example by opening a recurring account to support the converts, in addition to the evangelistic task to be undertaken

We reported that there are enquirers who are ready for baptism. There are problems connected with them. As soon as they are cleared they will be received by the All Saints Church, Srinagar. We thank God for His grace through the simple people like Mr Tahir. The Pastor appeals that the fields are ready for harvest but we want labourers. Can anybody help us to get a second evangelist for Kashmir which would cost Rs. 500/- per month. Please pray for the Srinagar Church and our evangelist, Mr. Tahir Masih.

Bihar: Mr. Asghar Hussain Wahdi is also a convert, He does very good evangelistic work in and around Bihar Shariff contacting Mnslims, Hindus, Buddhists, etc. Our Organising Secretary who followed him and observed his work writes that his conversation with the people leads them to conviction and there are enquirers who are ready to be baptised and they will be baptised in January by the Church of North India Presbyter nearby. He is doing deputation at present in Madras. He received a telegram and letters that his family is in trouble and his son the first convert of the family was beaten and was admitted in the hospital. So we are sending him back to the family. We are sorry to miss him in deputation.

Friends are requested to pray for him and the family who are in persecution. His own eldest son who is a Muslim is causing all the trouble to him and the family members. He needs our prayers.

Sikkim: Our worker Mr. V. T. Abraham is doing deputation in the South. He reported that the southern part of Sikkim is covered by some of the missionary societies, but the northern

part from Gangtok till the prohibited area there are no missionary activities. Mr. & Mrs. Abraham are doing work in that area. The climate is very adverse to them but they continue doing their work. Their work is mainly individual listing and personal contact.

AN APPEAL

The need for helping those who have been badly affected by the recent cyclone and floods and who are in dire need of relief has arisen. Members are kindly requested to send their remittances to the NMS Headquarters, 102, Peters Road, Royapettah, Madras-600014, so that a consolidated payment may be made for the purpose. We would like to raise at least Rs. 5,000/- for this cause.

K. G. S. Dorairaj,
General Secretary

Two opinions of Dr. Billy Graham's Good News Festivals in India by Theologians :

A Statement Issued by the Members of the Teaching Staff of the United Theological College, Bangalore.

As members of a theological Faculty committed to the task of promoting theological education and training of men and women for the ministry and Mission of the church in India and to the task of evangelisation we are concerned about the kind of programme that is being arranged for Dr. Billy Graham during his forthcoming visit to India under the title of Good News Festivals.

Obviously the programme is intended mainly for christians. Dr. Graham is not known to have had any experience of preaching the Gospel to people of other faiths. The people who will be gathering to listen to him will be mostly people with the background of several generations of the christian faith. The question is at what level will Dr. Graham help the christians in India to celebrate the Good News. It is at an enormous expense organised. Will the content of the programmes and the results be commensurate with the expenditure in money as well as in peoples' time and energy?

Even though Dr. Billy Graham has won world renown as an evangelist, he is known primarily for a rather simple and one-sided interpretation of the Gospel. We are also aware of the fact that through Dr. Graham's campaigns in different countries some people have received a kind of conversion experience. We are also appreciative of the efforts of Dr. Graham to organise his campaigns in co-operation with the churches without giving room for separatism. However we believe that what the christian community in India needs today is growth in maturity of understanding the gospel and the deepening of life in the spirit. Even in New Testament times the apostles found it necessary to remind the believers of their calling to grow in maturity, moving from the stage of "milk diet" to that of a solid food (1Cor. 3:2-3; Heb.5:12-14) and from the discussion of rudiments of christianity to more advanced levels of understanding (Heb. 6:1-3). This concern for growth in maturity is even more relevant today when the church in India faces complex problems of social change of people's struggle for justice and of relation to people of other faiths. We cannot celebrate Good News Festivals without being aware of the different dimensions of the Gospel of Jesus Christ for the Indian situtation. How far can Dr. Graham with his rather simplistic message and his ignorance of India help the Indian churches to celebrate Good News Festivals?

We understand that the invitation to Dr. Graham to come to India had been given by some of the leading Bishops and other church leaders in India. It is a matter of serious concern to us that these leaders seem to have endorsed the festivals without thinking through the implications of the invitations and the programme that was being planned. Do we really need to invite evangelists from abroad to come and organise our celebration of the Good News of Christ? Of course we can invite them to join us in any celebrations we shall organise.

Another point of concern is that so far Dr. Graham's record has been to support the social and political status quo wherever he has organised his campaigns. In USA all through the Nixon years he fully supported the regime as well as the Vietnam war. In 1972 when he organised a big convention on evangelism in Texas he opposed a demonstration against the Vietnam war on the ground that it was political, even though he had a programme for supporting the Government under the title *for God and Country*. His campaign in South Africa a few years ago was totally unconcerned about the racial oppressions there as have been his campaigns in the USA during the 1960s. The Statements after his recent visit to Hungary where he conveyed to the leaders of the Hungarian Government greeting from President

Carter has given the impression that socio-political structures in Hungary were quite acceptable to him. It is good that he has now abandoned his anti-communism. But his indifference to socio-political realities under which people live and the more serious deduction that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is concerned only with the salvation of the inner soul and has little to do with the transformation of the structure of society is most alarming. When asked about his views on some issues of justice he is reported to have said that he is not an Old Testament prophet but a new Testament evangelist. This is certainly a very un-Biblical distinction.

In India an interpretation of the Gospel which will only support the status quo will be most harmful. The church's context in India is people's struggle against different forms of evil, oppression and injustice and a socio-political structure which permits 60% of the people to live below the poverty line. In many places in India Christians also are victims of unjust and oppressive structures. The situations demand an interpretation of the Gospel which will challenge the status quo and help the believers to join with others in the quest for a new society. It is, therefore, legitimate to ask in what way the Good News Festivals led by Dr. Graham is expected to deepen the Indian Church's witness to the Good News of Christ instead of being just an opiate.

We do not want to oppose or dislocate the programmes already arranged for him in India this year. But we would like Dr Graham to clarify his interpretation of the Gospel in relation to a religiously pluralistic community which India is and the peoples' struggle for social and economic justice before he starts his campaigns in India. In addition we would also like the organisers of his visit to India to plan at least in one or two places two kinds of programmes, one in which he will confer with Indian Christian leaders about priorities in mission and Evangelism in India and the other with leaders of other faiths as well as secular affairs about the role of christians or christian mission in India. If Dr. Graham is not willing to participate in such programmes we would consider his mission in India not only irrelevant and an extravagant waste of resources but harmful, as it is likely to give a distorted image of the Christian faith and life to believers as well as to others.

J. R. CHANDRAN,
Principal,
on behalf of all the members
of the Teaching staff.

United Theological
Bangalore,
18th October, 1977

AN OPEN REPLY

to the statement issued by the Members of the Teaching Staff of the United Theological College, Bangalore dated 18—10—'77 by the Principal, North India Theological College.

As a person committed to the task of promoting theological education and training men and women for the ministry and Mission of the Church of India and to the task of evangelization, I am deeply concerned about the kind of statement issued by the learned Principal and members of teaching staff of the United Theological College, Bangalore regarding Dr. Billy Graham's forthcoming visit to India and the Good News festivals that are planned by some of the leading Bishops and Church leaders in India. I am concerned because such a statement tantamounts to discourtesy to our honoured guest and an insult to our leading Bishops and top Church leaders.

First of all, on behalf of multitude of Christians in India, I would like to express our gratitude to the Bishops and Church leaders who have invited Dr. Billy Graham and arranged the Good News Festivals. We are also grateful to Dr. Billy Graham for accepting the invitation. Since when have the principal and members of the teaching staff of U.T.C. taken upon themselves the task of becoming the guardian angels of the Christians and the Churches in India? They have not specified whether they are speaking on behalf of C.S I or C.N.I, Methodist or Lutheran, Orthodox or Mar Thoma, Protestant or Roman Catholic Churches.

Secondly, the Good News Festivals will lift up the powerful and wonder-working name of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ in our beloved motherland that is predominantly religious and welcomes Christ with open arms. God loves India and Indians. The Church in India is as old as Christianity itself. In this context, the late Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, a brilliant Indian Philosopher statesman once remarked that christianity in India is not a guest but has the right to be a native. Dr. Billy Graham is only an instrument in the hands of God to preach the Gospel. He is an international evangelist and a religious leader but not a statesman or politician or an economist or a sociologist. Hence, he should not be dragged into any political controversies. He is an 'Ambassador for Christ' and an apostle of peace and good will between India and U.S.A. His visit will further strengthen the improving relations between India and the United States.

soul of every person is precious in the sight of the Lord and it is for this that our Lord Jesus Christ gave His precious life on the Cross and it is for this that the evangelistic efforts are made.

Fifthly, Dr. Billy Graham is one of the great evangelists of our time whose mininistry is Church-centred and Church oriented. He and his associates always encourage and direct the converts to go back to their own churches. That is why our Bishops and Church leaders have confidence in him and support the Billy Graham Evengelistic Association. The U.T.C. Statement seems to have misunderstood the purpose of these Good News Festivals. What the U.T.C. statement lacks is a positive and constructive attitude and approach to these Good News Festivals and hence, it may lead thoughtful persons to think or even pres me that they are against such Good News Festivals and efforts to revive, to rebible and rejuvenate the spiritual life of Christians in India. Experience always manifests itself in expression. Compliments are better than complaints.

Hence, dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord, let us stop this kind of pessimistic attitude and negative approach and get down on our knees and start praying that God may enrich the spiritual heritage of India and bring new life in the hearts and homes of Christians in India through these Good News Festivals.

Jai Christ,

Rev. Dr. Emmanuel E. James,
Principal,
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Bareilly, U.P.
October 27, 1977.

Thirdly, the U.T.C. statement is obsessed with social and economic justice, socio-political realities, complex programmes of social change, socio-political structure which permits 60% of the people to live below the poverty line. I notice that their statement does not give *their* view of Mission and Evangelism and the manner in which they would celebrate Good News Festivals in a manner outlined by them. They have not pointed out where the social Gospel and Evangelism fit together. Are not Indians capable of tackling these matters? Do we need to invite non-Indians to come and expect them to tackle these issues for us? What has been accomplished by the principal and teaching staff members of U.T.C. in these areas of concern so far?

Fourthly, it must be pointed out that Dr. Billy Graham is eminently qualified to preach the Good News in India because he is a man of God called and committed to preach in a simple way to simple people the plain Truth of the Gospel. Several million Indians will hear the Good News that Jesus Christ is the Saviour of the World during Dr. Graham's brief visit to India which the principal and teaching staff members of U.T.C. may never even dream of reaching during their life time! We do not want complicated theological discourses from Dr. Billy Graham as his audienee will not always be filled with learned theologicial professors. What we need is a simple presentation of the Good News of Salvation to the masses just as our Lord Jesus Christ preached and taught in simple terms and the Bible says that people heard Him gladly.

Dr. Billy Graham has preached the Good News successfully in all parts of the world including India and to people of different faiths. This is not his first visit to India. Why then all this hullabaloo? Dr. Graham is fully aware of the different dimensions of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ for the Indian situation. He has not concentrated only on soul salvation but has always emphasized the whole salvation of man, offered by Jesus Christ. Where the Gospel takes root, it affects the whole person and his life. Transformed and truly born again persons will transform and change the community and the society in which they live.

Regarding the expenses for these Good News Festivals, in all fairness, it will be desirable and helpful if Dr. Billy Graham can issue a statement of Christian Stewardship outlining his view on the spending of time, talents and money for such efforts. We do realize that the salvation of one soul is much more precious and costly than everything that whole world can buy. The

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AN APPEAL

Dear friends,

The Christmas, the festival of JOY is fast approaching. The society is ever grateful to all the friends who helped the society to CHEER the workers of the NMS, on this happy season by their liberal contributions in the past. The NMS missionaries are in the most difficult places, devoid of any Christian fellowship and without chances of participating in Christian festivities. Some of them can not even attend a Christmas service. They are in such places on our behalf carrying the GOOD NEWS of Salvation to the unreached people, in all states of our country.

The late Bishop Joshi initiated the CHRISTMAS CHEER to workers in the Executive meeting under his chairmanship in Bombay, in 1975. This was welcomed by the members cheerfully and they promised liberal amounts from their areas. Most of them kept their promises. So we were able to distribute a decent amount as christmas gift to all the workers that year for the first time. The workers were happy and grateful for the same.

Last year also we were able to disburse a decent amount (though less than in 1975) but this was possible because of the undisbursed amount received late in 1975 which were added to the amounts received in 1976: We have no such balance this year.

I request earnestly on behalf of the Society to all friends, committee members and Council members to contribute liberally on behalf of their area for CHRISTMAS CHEER to our workers and show our interest in their happiness on this festival season.

We have now 52 workers, most of them married and with children.

Friends who send gifts may please indicate in the M.O. coupon or in the note, that the gifts are towards 'Christmas Cheer' for workers.

N. B. Please note that the N.M.S. does not permit personal gifts. All gifts in cash or kind may kindly be sent to the H.Q.

General Secretary

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NEW YEAR MESSAGE

In wishing the readers, the friends and supporters of the National Missionary Society of India, a very Happy New Year, the thought that comes to my mind is 'He Dwelt among us'. The God whom we worship, is the God who is present with His people. It is often repeated through the Bible that God Immanuel was with the people. So NMS wishes all the readers that God may be present with you and bless you in the New Year 1978 with spiritual blessing and prosperity.

With Prayers,

K. G. S. Dorairaj
General Secretary

EDITORIAL

It has not our practice to publish contraversial matters. The Intelligencer is only for publishing information concerning the evangelistic task carried on by the society. We published two opinions on Dr. Billy Graham's Good News Festivals of India, with the intention that the friends must know the different opinions of evangelism carried in this country, since we are involved in this task.

Many comments have been received, but we regret that we cannot publish them for want of finance and space. We appreciate the reaction of the writers and thank them. So we stopped publishing anything concerned with Dr. Billy Graham's festival, with a reply of Dr. J. R. Chnndran.

We are thankful to all our friends who sent money to us in response to our appeal for Christmas Cheer. We have received so far Rs. 2716-00. And we have distributed the amount, Rs. 50/- for the single worker and Rs. 100/- for family worker and the total amount distributed is Rs. 3100-00. We are grateful to God and thankful to every friend who contributed this amount. May God bless them abundantely.

Message from one of the Vice-Presidents

Beloved fellow workers in the Lord !

Greetings in the precious name of our Saviour. This is to let you know that you are remembered in our prayers. As Paul wrote to the Colossians: "We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, PRAYING ALWAYS FOR YOU." I am still basking in the happy memories of meeting you all at Vellore, especially our new brother in Christ, Tahir Masih. May the Lord bless you and guide you in the new year. My prayer for you is Col. 1:10.

With our heavy responsibilities, we were able to raise Rs, 323/- *for the Christmas Cheer*. We held a stall at the United Charities Bazaar, we sold soft drinks and noodles. I am grateful to Mrs. Jean Gurupatham, Asst. Secretary of Bangalore Branch, for all her single handed efforts to prepare the noodles and make a net profit of Rs. 180/-. Just as I was ready to send the amount, Mr. P. N. Abraham, the superintendent of Clarence High School came with Rs. 52/-, as he thought of the 52 workers in the appeal for Christmas gift. I am very grateful to all our faithful supporters.

May the Joy of the Lord, truly grip your hearts, and let us strive to give the knowledge of the Risen Lord, to the rest of mankind.

Grace Sathyaraj
Vice President

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GENERAL SECRETARY'S LETTER

Dear Colleagues in our Lord's vineyard,

On behalf of the Society and on behalf of myself I wish you a very **Blessed Christmas** and **a Happy New Year.** May the God Immanuel who promised to be with you, be with you throughout the new year and bless you with all the best. Our prayers are with you.

The National Missionary Society of India enters its 73rd year. It completes it 72nd year on the 24th December evening and enters its 73rd year with Christmas. It was not a co-incident that the NMS was founded on the Christmas day, but this was an act of God to fulfill the mission of incarnation, that is, to proclaim the gospel to the millions in this country and the surrounding countries.

Without faultering in the objects of the founders, facing many crises, in finance and **not soliciting foreign funds**, the society was fulfilling its mission having faith in our Lord and the Indian Christians. In recent years, as everyone would have noticed, the society has increased the number of centres, increased its workers and become financially steady. No one can boast about it. The Society humbly recognises that it is the work of God, living true to its motto 'Expect great things from God, Attempt great things for God.'

The 24th Triennial Council of the Society was held in Vellore from November 10th—12th, 1977, with the help of the CSI Diocese of Vellore, the Principal and Staff of Voorhees College and the Local Committee Members. It was the best council in the recent years. We had inspiring, challenging addresses by Mr. K. P. Mathai, the Principal of SIBS and Bible Study by Rev. G. Selvaraj of TELC. True to the nature of the society, the council was national in its composition with representatives from all the states and almost all the denominations, including Kashmir, speaking different languages, but having oneness in Christ

It was felt that the NMS has an unique mission to our country which has many diverse forces of different manners, cultures, languages and faiths. The mission is to build our mother land into one nation with one Lord by presenting Jesus Christ as her Saviour.

The members of the council were sincere in their concern for the workers and they decided to give an adhoc increment of 10% in their present salary from 1-4-1977. We have no funds at present to implement the council's decision immediately. But

we feel the necessity to implement it at least from December 1977. Here we appeal to all the members of the council and the friends of NMS to raise at least their personal, branch and area contribution by at least 25%. then we may be able to implement the decision without facing a deficit. I hope that the members of the council and the friends of NMS would raise the same.

As the council is of national nature, we have to have representations from all over India. The increase in membership and the increase in travel expense has increased the travel expenditure which alone comes to Rs. 8,902.22 and the other expenses, namely exhibition arrangements, postage, printing, etc. Rs. 1,478.06. So the total expenditure comes to Rs. 10,380.28. So it is necessary, as pointed in the council, by the General Secretary, we have to plan things to meet the increasing expenditure. Though the hospitality at present is met by the friends who invite us, but the ever rising cost of communities makes them to hesitate.

Reports presented by the General Secretary and the workers were received with appreciation as they were encouraging. There are signs of harvest in all the fields, even the fields which were considered barren, are giving signs of harvest in the near future. In Jawadhi Hill. in Nadanoor section 10 families are being prepared for baptism. The increasing results makes it necessary to suplement the fields with additional workers.

The next council is the **Platinum Jubilee council in 1980.** The council in 1980 will be a land mark in the history of the society. The NMS completes its 75th year. The council proposed the following to prepare for the council.

1) To put up a two-storied building in the old press building site in the head quarters. The site is in a vantage point at the meeting of four roads. Hence it is valuable. The platinum jubilee memorial building could be put up by the contribution of friends in memory of their beloved ones. The income will agument the income of the Society which will go towards the support of the workers in the fields. Further particulars will be published concerning this in the later issue.

2) To open a field in an unreached place by making an endowment for the support of a new centre in an unreached place. The endowment has to be of Rs. 75,000/-. This has to be built up during these three years. If the present supporting members can give Re 1/- per months in addition to the amount they give, it would be possible for us to build up the endowment within the period.

3) To build up an endowment as 'Workers Relief Fund'. This endowment could be used for the first proposal. The first proposal was pending for long since the building proposal was proposed at the time of the Diamond Jubilee. If taken up it will give us a permanent income. Members are requested to consider and pray for the same.

NMS is in transitional stage. Having worked in the society for the last 12 years, I feel that the NMS is in the transitional stage. The founders had their home call. The vertran members who understood the nature of the society and even faced and shared the financial crises either left this world or are not able to take an active part due to their age. So the younger generation have come up. I appreciate their enthusiasm and interest, but it would be good if they be aware of the society's nature and its unique misssion. So we publish from the old records the founders vision and ideas about the objects of the society and will continue to publish the same.

The income for 8 months are Rs. 1,26,707 and the expenditure for 8 months are Rs. 1,29,628. Roughly the income and expendlture balances with a deficit which is due to the un-recipted support from the sponsoring body. We were able to meet the council's expenditure because we drew a loan of Rs. 10,000/- which has to be replaced by the end of the financial year. So we are not financially in a sound position to implement the resolution of the council.

The unique mission of the NMS is to proclaim the gospel of the people who have not heard of the Good News, by Indian personal and Indian support. It may look odd in the present time, but it has its value. **Because when an Indian knows that we are not dependent on forein resources and foreign personal. they not only appreciate but also are ready to hear the gospel.** So I feel that God by this uniqueness has a purpose to win India for Christ. So every Indian Christian has a responsibility to share in this great task.

In conclusion I express my thanks to God for his kindness and help. For the last 12 years of my service I am grateful to all the friends, supporters, area Committees and Branch Officers and Branch members for their tireless effort to help the society to fulfill its mission. So I wish everyone of them a very Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours in His service
K. G. S. Dorairaj

The famous Maramon Convention will be held from February 12th–19th, 1978. Friends are requested to pray for the convention.

DEPUTATION

Soon after the Conference, all the workers who attended the triennial conference were involved in deputation work in the Madras City. Inspite of the continous rain and threat of cyclone the meetings were conducted in different places of the city. The workers were divided into groups and were sent to different places. Though in most of the places the attendance was thin due to the cyclonic weather the meetings were successful.

As a climax of the deputation, **a one day Retreat** was arranged by the Madras City Area Committee from 10-30 A.M. to 4-30 P.M. on the 20th November. The main speaker was Miss J. Moses, Head Mistress of the Bains School, Madras. The opening devotion was conducted by Mr. Colton Samuel. The Chorous singing was conducted by Sathya Orchestra lead by Mr & Mrs, Sathya and the group. The workers from different fields gave an account of their field work. The special feature of this was to have **a memorial hour** for the late friends of the Society in Madras. The retreat was well attended.

Mr. Asghar Hussain Wahdi, who was expected to do deputation with the team in Kerala and Tamil Nadu was forced to return home because of the problems created to his family by the Muslims at Bihar Shariff. We were shocked to hear that his son was beaten and admitted in the hospital. So he had to return home. The other members excepting Mr. Tahir Masih, Mr. V.T. Abraham, Mr. Paul Singh and Miss. Sarammal returned to their stations. The above members formed a Gospel team under the leadership of the General Secretary and did deputation work from 22nd November to the 28th November. Though the deputation was planned till the 7th December, it had to be cut short with the 28th November, because of the illness of Mr. Tahir Masih.

On the 22nd, we had the anniversary of the Trivandrum Branch at the Centenary Hall of the Christ Church, Trivandrum. The hall was packed and the people were standing outside the hall. The patron of the branch, Rt. Rev. I. Jesudasan, presided over the function. The Rt. Rev. Mar Athanasius of the Mar Thoma Church, delivered a challenging message on evangelism. The General Secretary gave an account of the NMS activities and appreciated the activity of the branch and thanked the branch for their continued support to the society. Mr. Tahir Masih gave his witness and an account of his work. A sale was held at the same time.

On the 23rd, Mr. Tahir Masih took ill with high fever, inspite of that we had a meeting at Tirumala Prayer Fellowship. Mr. Christdas had arranged for the meeting and Mr. Tahir Masih was brought inspite of fever and his witness was a challenge to them. Mr. Abraham, gave an account of Nepal and Sikkim work; Miss Sarammal about Jawadhi Hills work, Mr. Paul Singh about the North India Centres and the General Secretary about the other centres.

On the 24th, we planned to be in Alleppey, but due to the health condition of Mr. Tahir Masih, we could not undertake the journey to Alleppey. Hence we were forced to cancell it. We were kindly entertained and lodged by Mr. K. M. Mathews. We are grateful for their hospitality and kindness in getting medical help for Tahir.

On the 25th, we moved on to Ernakulam by bus via Alleppey, and inspite of the rain, we had a good attendance at the meeting in the CSI Emmanuel Church, Ernakulam. Under the Chairmanship of Mr. George Isaac, the General Secretary addressed the meeting which was followed by the witness of Mr. Tahir Masih and a brief account of the work by the other workers. A Branch was formed and the following officers were elected :

President : Rev. T. C. Thomas, Marthoma Church
Vice-President : Rev. George Isaac, CSI Emmanuel Church
Secretary : Mr. D. A. Sigamani

We were kindly entertained by Rev. George Isaac. On those days as well as on the following days, Mr. Tahir did not take any food and he had become very weak. We had even anxious moments. Because of his faith in prayer, whenever we prayed, he took courage and felt relieved, but he did not take any food at all.

Then we moved to Tiruvella. On the 26th evening we had a meeting at Nicholson's Girls School for the students and staff. We are thankful to the staff who were kind enough to contribute through the correspondent a sum of Rs. 100/- towards the deputation expenses.

On the 27th, we had a tight programme. The General Secretary had to preach in three churches. St. Thomas Cathedral, Tiruvella, CSI Church, Thelaserry, and CSI, Theepany. Mr. Paul Singh attended the Kozhencherry Church, which is the biggest of the Marthoma Churches and Mr. V. T. Abraham and Mr. Tahir Masih preached in the Marthoma Church at Maramon.

In the evening we had a meeting at YMCA in which the General Secretary gave a talk about the NMS. At 6-30 P.M. we had a meeting at St. Thomas Church. Tiruvella, where all the workers spoke about their work. Mr. Tahir Masih's witness was much appreciated. At that time his health was such that he could not stand, yet he managed.

We are thankful to God for enabling us to finish at least 50% of the work we planned. But we could not proceed further because of the health of Mr. Tahir Masih, though we received information that meetings were arranged at Coimbatore, Madurai and Thanjavur. We felt that it would be better to take it up later. We are thankful to God for all His mercies. Mr. Tahir was examined by Dr. Jeyasingh of Madras, and he was found fit to travel. So he was allowed to return back to Kashmir on the 30th, with Mr. Paul Singh upto Itarsi. Please remember Mr. Tahir in your prayers.

K. G. S. D.

The National Missionary Society of India

Trivandrum Branch

The annual Public Meeting and Sale of the Society were held on 22nd Novenmber 1977 at the Christ Church Centenary Hall, Trivandrum.

The function was presided over by Bishop I. Yesudasan, Patron of our Branch and the address was delivery by the Rt. Rev. Thomas Mar Athanesius Episcope of the Mar Thoma Church, Kottayam.

Rev. K. G. S. Dorairaj, General Secretary, NMS, Madras, and Mr. Tahir Masih, our Missionary in Kashmir also spoke on the occasion.

The presence of the Kashmir worker and and narration of his personal experience gave the Trivandrum audience keen interest in the NMS Missionary activities and in partioular the Kashmir project.

Earlier Mr. K. George welcomed the audience and at the close Mrs. Sulochana Jestin Jesudasan proposed the vote of thanks.

The sale was declared open by the Mar Thoma Bishop. The meeting was attended by a large gathering.

The New Offices elected for Dindigul Branch

President	:	Thirumathi Thangaswamy.
Vice-President	:	Mr. Daniel Jeyakumar
Treasurer	:	Mrs. Edith Victor
Secretary	:	Mrs. Swarnarathinam Chellappa
Asst. Secretary	:	Dr. Mrs. Victor David

KASHMIR

Those who have heard Mr. Tahir Masih would have well understood how he accepted Christ while he was studying the Koran which led him to study the Bible and was directed by God to take baptism. He worked as a Government Teacher to maintain himself. Every week end and holidays he went on preaching in the villages and towns of Kashmir Valley. Later at the proposal of Rev. Yonathan Paljor, he was accepted to be a full time worker of the NMS. From that time he goes from village to village, staying in the village hotels or with the family that extends hospitality by getting rations from him and contacts the people. From friendship he leads them to the talk of religion and then to Jesus, step by step. He has narrated how even those who oppossed and who have been asked by people to trap him, were led to Christ and four young men were baptised. So this pattern of missionary work is like that of St. Paul. Every week he comes back to the Church at Srinagar and gives an account of his work. But many a time he was driven out of the village and faced many hardships. Yet, he boldly bears witness. There had been attempts to take him by force, but by God's grace he was saved. There are still more enquirers and his burden was to be in contact with them. He sincerely believes that God called him for Kashmir and Kashmir alone. So let us remember him in our prayers so that the field of Kashmir can bear more fruit. He lives on meagre food and scanty dress.

The needs (1) The stiphend of Rs. 350/- we pay him is not enough. He takes at least Rs. 50/- per month from his P.F. and maintains himself. So the society has to think of his maintenance as well as his **winter clothing.** Friends who are interested in the project are requested to extend support by prayer and contribution for carrying on the work. (2) It is also felt if we augument the work by **a second evangelist,** it would be more helpful in our Lord's task to bring many to our Lord's feet. What is our participation? Is the thing we have to think about. (3) He needs Urudu Bibles to be given free of cost to the poor seekers, who can not afford to buy.

REPORT FROM FIELDS

JAWADHI HILLS :

Veerappanur : Mr. V. Vetharaj Daniel, our field worker in Veerappanur, reports that he had a very interesting conversation with one Papayan on his way to Teethanur. Papayan wanted to know where he could meet Jesus Christ. Mr. V. Vetharaj told Papayan that Jesus Christ is everywhere especially in the hearts of those who come to Him with a pentitent Spirit. Please pray that Papayan and the members of his family may accept Jesus.

Athipattu : Mr. P. Rajian, our field worker in Athipattu, writes that the recent heavy rains has upset the regular work in this field. Please pray for Chinnakani, Kamala, Cheetai, Neelavathi who are residing in this area. Prayer is also requested for the Divine services that are being held in this area.

Kalyanamanthai : Mr. N. Victor, our worker in this field writes that the attendance in the Church services was poor due to the recent rains. Mrs. Ansy, one of the seekers in this area, is facing a lot of problems in her life. Please pray that our Lord may guide her and give her all necessary strength to face her life's problems.

Mrs. C. Madurabai Victor, reports that she visited a number of ladies inspite of the rain. Some patients she visited were treated and were cured. Special mention may be made about a woman who came to Mrs. C. Madurabai with her baby who was suffering from Diorrohia and high fever. She came with prayers and her baby was cured within a day. Please pray for woman and her baby.

Jamnamarthur : Mrs. K. Esther Robertson, our worker in this field requests our prayers for all the activities in this field.

Rev. Paul Sanjeevi, our missionary in Jawadhi Hills writes that the regular work in all the fields in Jawadhi Hills has been upset on account of the heavy rains. He is making all arrangements for the successful celebration of Christmas in all the fields, in Jawadhi Hills. Our prayers are requested that the real Christmas joy may be experienced by the tribals in Jawadhi Hills through the workers in the various fields in these hills and through those who have already accepted Christ as their Lord and Master.

Kundalathur: Mr. James Meyyan reports that he has regular Sunday Schools at night, and the children who attend not only study lessons but also hear the gospel. During his visit to Saramathur, one Sita, a widow confessed that she accepted our Lord as her personal Saviour.

Alleri: Mr. Jeyaraj Samuel and Mr. G. A. Raju report that because of continuous rain the people suffer from effects of wet floor, because in most of the houses water springs from the floor. The people also suffer from fever. First aid medicines were given to them and they were cured. They could not continue regular school because of the condition due to rain.

One Iyahsamy who got a Bible from them to read was ill for sometime. When they visited his house and prayed with him, he wanted the Bible to be taken from the place where it was, but to his great shock, he found it to be on the floor. He wept for the disrespect shown to the Word of God. These workers consoled him and request prayers for him. In another house they found two brothers who were very ill and they could not move about and were lying on the wet floor. So they made a bed and made them to lie on that. They also gave them some pills. One day a lady came and asked for help for her daughters confinement. They could not help her. Alleri being an nnaccessiable place no one can help. So there is an urgent need for a mid-wife, at least to help the cases like this. We also need some musical instruments, as the people are interested in music to teach Christian lyrics.

Nadanoor: Nadanoor's workers are Mr. S. Gnanamuthu, Mrs. Victoria and Miss Sarammal. Sarammal was doing deputation after the conference both in Madras and in Kerala. Victoria reports that on the 2nd October a team from St. John's Church, Vellore, visited and took part not only in the divine service but also in visiting the families in villages. Ten families are being prepared for baptism. God willing baptism will take place in the near future. Friends are requested to pray for them.

Thongumalai: Mr. Nithyanandan reports that because of the continuous rains people suffered much from fever. First-aid had been given to some of them, and some have been cured. Now some of the children come for school

Nepal: Mr. Dhan Bahadur Pun writes that the regular work is being done by visiting individual friends and families. As Mrs. Pun was ill, he was not able to attend the conference. Lal Bahadur Rana also could not attend the conferenoe, but the work goes on as usual.

Sikkim : Our workers Mr. V. T. Abraham and his family stays in the northern part of Sikkim, which is an unreached place. They contact individuals and they work in close cooperation with the Church at Gangtok.

Reply of Dr. J. Russel Chandran

Dear Dr. James,

Subject : **Dr. Billy Graham Good News Festivals.**

Thank you very much for sending me a copy of your open reply to the statement issued by the U.T.C. staff I have not had time to discuss your statement with my colleagues. As I am going to be out of station for about ten days from this afternoon, I thought of sending my personal reaction to you straightaway without waiting for a more corporate response from our staff.

Your suggestion that the UTC statement is tantamount to discourtesy to Dr. Graham and insult to Bishops and church leaders is an unfortunate misunderstanding of the statement. There was certainly no intention of discourtesy or insult.

You have not really responded to the main points of the UTC statement namely the level at which Christians in India should celebrate the Good News, the general record of Dr. Billy Graham supporting socio-political status quo of the countries where he has preached the Gospel, and the invitation to confer with church leaders and others on the role of the Christian Mission in India today.

The UTC staff have never sought to become the guardian angels of Christians and churches in India. At the same time, we also believe that we have a responsibility in drawing the attention of the Church leaders to important issues relating to the faith and life of the Churches. In this regard, as Principal of a theological college and as one of the leaders in theological education in the county, you also have a responsibility of leading them to a more mature understanding of the Gospel.

Your second point gives the impression that the use of the name of Jesus Christ and the preaching of the Gospel have some magical value. Certainly this is not your considered interpretation of the Gospel ! You have described Dr. Billy Graham as "an Ambassador for Christ" and "apostle of peace and goodwill between India and USA". Then you go on to say that his efforts will further strengthen the improving relations between India and the United States. How exactly do you understand

the issues in the Indo-USA relations? Do you really think tha Dr. Billy Graham will have a role to play in the establishment o Indo-USA relations on the basis of sound foundations of inter national justice? What contribution can Dr. Graham add t what Dr. Goheen the U.S. Ambassador is trying to do?

I am not sure whether you have really understood the poin about social justice in the UTC statement. Certainly we do no want to invite any non-Indians to come and tackle these issue for us. At the same time, those who come to interpret th Gospel in India should interpet it in such a way that the Gospe is not misunderstood as a more opiate that encourages people t ignore the socio-political realities. You have asked about UT staff members' achievements in this area. You will have a answer only if you come and examine the total pragramm of the U.T.C.

You have said that Dr. Billy Graham has preached the goo news "successfully in all parts of the world". What exactly ar your criteria for success? Your point that "born again" person will transform and change the community and the society is als a very quesionable one. Change of individuals do not necessa rily change unjust structures. The change of structures is a much the concern for the Church's mission as transformation o individuals. Undue preoccupation with individual change with out the awareness of the conditioning of individuals by unjus structures can be a distortion of the Gospel.

Your point about "salvation of one soul" also needs furthe elucidation. What exactly do you mean by "salvation of th soul"? The Bible does not understand "salvation of the soul' in isolation from the salvation of the world. The key to salva tion is capacity to love. The reuniting of the world with th bond of love is the goal of Jesus' saving work. It is the love o God which is revealed in Jesus Christ. It is through commit ment to that dimension of love that God's saving work is ful filled. This is what is meant by Paul, when he speak of th summing up of all things in Christ.

I would also like to point out that already in India there ar many programmes in different parts of the country which migh be described as good news festivals. The Maramon Convention in Kerala and the Andhra Christian Mahasabha held in Vijaya wada are just two examples. More such celebrations can b organised by the Indian Churches. Friends from abroad lik Dr. Graham can also be invited to participate in such festivals But what the Church in India needs more at present is celebra tion at a deeper and more mature level. I do not belive tha

Dr. Billy Graham is really helping churches in any part of the world in tais process of growth in maturity. The Billy Graham organisation which has enormous financial resources can certainly make a valuable contribution if they reconsider their programmes and exercise greater stewardship in the use of their reseurces by diverting them for more meaningful programmes bringing out the prophetic dimensions of the Gospel. As a leader of theological education in India, you also have a responsibility in calling upon the Billy Graham organisation to move in this direction of the Christian Mission.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,
J. R. Chandran
Principal

OBITUARY

1. We regret to inform that Mr. R. D. Asirvatham passed away on 24-9-1977. We pray that God may give the necessary consolation and assurance His presence to the members of bereaved family and the eternal joy to the departed friend.

2. Rev. C. J. Daniel, the Presbyter of CSI Church, Karur, passed away on the 7th November 1977, and we convey our condolences to Mrs. Daniel and the children. He had been a supporter of the NMS our prayers are with the breaved family.

3. We regret to inform our readers that Mrs. S. K. Natchatram, our ex-NMS worker passed away after brief illness on the 27th November 1977. We convey our condolences to the bereaved family members.

We regret to inform the sudden demise of Dr. P. V. Gupta on 17-11-77. He was the founder and director of Hindustan Bible Institute, Madras. Our prayers and sincere condolences are with Mrs. Gupta and family members.

We regret to inform the death of Mrs. Mary Daniel, W/o. Mr. R. Daniel of Salem, after prolonged illness. We pray that God may give the necessary consolation to the family members and eternal joy and His fellowship to the departed.

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Matters for thanks and prayer :

Let us thank God for :

1) In His mercy formed the NMS of India and has guided her during the last 72 years and by His grace the society enters its 73rd year.

2) For all the founders, the faithful ones who worked inspite of many crises.

3) For all the Council Committee Members who by His grace conducted the affairs of the society.

4) For all the workers who laboured and labour in most difficult places under difficult condions.

5) For the converts and the enquirers who are being prepared for baptism.

Pray for :

1) For Lord's mercy in hearing our prayers and answering and making us self-sufficient in our resources.

2) For Kashmir work where there are opposition for conversion. For the converts to grow more in grace and in stature in Christ and for the enquirers.

3) For the Church in Srinagar to grow more in grace and to be the body of Christ to receive and help the converts to grow in grace.

4) For Asghar Hussain Wahdi, our Bihar worker, that God may change his eldest son who is the chief opponent.

5) For the people who are being prepared and ready for baptism at Puri.

6) For the 10 families who are being prepared by Mr. Gnanamuthu and other workers in Jawadhi for baptism.

7) For the finance of the society. That God may give us enough funds to manage without deficit and with enough resources to fulfil the increased obligation.

8) For the Kanyakumari Prayer Band, that it may raise enough funds to support its workers.

9) For God to be with us during the New Year, guide and bless us in the work of carrying His message to the people.

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PRAYER

Oh God of grace! who revealed your love through your Son, you have bestowed upon us blessings according to our ability, to make use of them, and to gain. Forgive us for our failures, help us to make use of our utmost effort, time and to gain your reward in the last through your begotten Son, Jesus Amen.

MEDITATION

Mathew 25 : 14-23 'God was merciful enough to give us the grace to enter into another New Year in the span of our life'. The present meditation helps us to understand our responsibility and God's expectations.

In the Kingdom of God, God's blessings and reward will be as said in this parable. God gives talents according to man's ability.

1. **According to every one's ability :** The parable says the blessings we have as well as the problems we have are according to the ability of the person concerned. God out of mercy gives us talents to be used according to our best ability. There is no partiality or favouritism in His act, since the reward is the same for the man who earns more and the man who earns the same measure with lesser gift. What God expects is our best efforts.

2. **Enough time given :** God gives us enough time to accomplish His purpose It is said in the parable that God gives us enough time in the span of every one's life to put our utmost effort and to fulfil His mission

3. **Use of time :** Time is most important in one's life. In this parable the first two servants made use of the time given and put their most effort and gained the appreciation of their master. How far 'Time Conscious' are we in attending the Divine services? In punctuality, and in fulfilling our daily task?

So from the above parable we are led to realise that God sees our best effort in what ever situation we are. He gives us

enough time to make use of our talents. So time and effort are to be used carefully. May God in this New Year, help us to realise the demands of God with His blessings

The National Missionary Society of India

(Founders Statement)

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The problems which confront us to the outset are real, and must be frankly faced. First of all there is the question of relationship to the churches. Is it possible for us to work together and yet be loyal to our own convictions, to our own Church? We wish to state at the outset that this Society does not imply nor countenance the establishing of a new Church or denomination. It is true it involves a new organization, but it is an organization, pledged to loyalty to the Churches and aiming to work in harmony with existing missionary bodies. The Young Men's Christian Association furnishes us an example of a body working among all yet loyal to all, founding no new denomination, making each man more rather than less loyal to his own Church. The China Inland Mission, and several societies in India itself, furnish us with instructive parallels. Uniting, as we believe the C.I.M does, some 800 missionaries and a large number of Chinese workers of all churches, and leaving each man free to work according to his own Church convictions, it has at once preserved liberty, unity and loyalty to the Churches.

The Church of England men work together in the Province of Sichuan under the Anglican Bishop of the Diocese. Their converts are, of course, members of the Church of England, and they are ecclesiastically under the jurisdiction of their Diocese. The Baptist workers are placed together in the Province of Honan, the Presbyterians in Anchuei, etc. In the same way the National Missionary Society of India would endeavour to send out workers, not separately nor indiscriminately mixed with other men, but at first two by two, and then—if prospered—in larger numbers; men of the same Church working together and their converts being members of their Church. Thus, for example, Church of England men would be placed in some unoccupied and unclaimed fields bordering, if possible, upon existing missions of the Church of England; their converts would be members of the Church of England, and they would be under the ecclesiastical jurisdiction of their Bishop. In a word, each man will retain his own personal convictions and loyalty to his

Church, but all will be united in a common work for their common Lord.

Another problem that confronts us is the obtaining of men for this work. The Christian students, as a class, are at present in many places unreached by the appeal for mission service. In offering a new outlet for indigenous effort, in calling them to a new spirit of sacrifice, for the saving of their own country, we believe that men will come forward to undertake this work. We have been inactive long enough; we have criticised others long enough. India is ours and we must save it. We do not believe that our Christian students have received life, light and education at the hands of Christ only to advance themselves and to turn their backs upon the perishing multitudes of their fellow-countrymen. The time has come for the young men of India to show whether they will live for God or mammon; for Christ or self; for silver or souls. India calls us. The mute appeal of 100,000,000 perishing souls cries to us to come and help them. Their blood is upon us. Men are already considering the claims of this new mission. Several in Government employ are prayerfully considering relinquishing their posts to enter this new opportunity for Christian service. It is true that it will involve sacrifice, but we believe, as in other lands, the appeal to the heroic will be the most powerful factor in reaching our young men.

Men of education and ability will have to be sent oftentimes to the needier fields of the North, which will involve the learning of a new language. This experiment has already been tried with success. The first Indian Missionary of the Tinnevelly Missionary Society learnt the language within six months, and probably more easily with a better pronunciation than most foreigners who have been many years in the country. If some 4 000 missionaries can come from foreign lands and master the languages of India sufficiently to work in them, the educated men of India need not despair the thought of learning a kindred tongue, where so many words in Sanskrit will be common. If we were asked to undertake the evangelization of China and Africa, we might well hesitate. The Anglo-Saxon race has, however undertaken the evangelization of well nigh the whole world. Surely we can undertake the evangelization of our own country.

The problem of money also confronts us. Will our Christians give to support this work? Again we say that we believe that our people will rise to this call of God, and will not disappoint the Saviour who bought them with His own blood. As an instance in point, the first Indian Christian appealed to, when asked what he would do if such a movement were started, said;

"I will give my son, who is a graduate of Cambridge, to go if he will If he will go I will support him under this Society. If he will not go, I will support another worker in his place". Another prominent teacher, in a Government college, said: "If this movement had been presented thirty years ago, I would have offered for service; it is now too late for me to go, but I will offer my son in my place, and if he will I will support him". We have a small but growing list of Indian Christians who can each support a worker of his own in the field.

to be continued

N.M.S. SUNDAY

The Bangalore Branch is conscious of the fact, it functions from one half of Bangalore and the city area has very little participation. We are grateful to God for opening a way this year and enabling us to take the message of the Gospel to the newly constructed "Shanthi Church" at Wilson Garden, Bangalore. On Sunday the 23rd of October 1977, the service was conducted by Mr. I S. Inbanathan, B A , B Com., the Chief Accountant of Clarence High School. It is a Kannada speaking congregation, and the Church is situated in a strategic place. The Secretary was asked to give the sermon and the news of the working of the National Missionary Society.

The text for the sermon was "How shall they preach, except they be sent?" This was supported by the Lord's command "Go, ye therefore and teach all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Ghost". Since the Bible is the authority and since it teaches in very clear terms, the role of every Christian, they were exhorted to preach the 'Good News', individually and as a congregation. Everyone cannot take to preaching, then how can they help? They can pray for the missionaries, and give freely of their substance as the Lord leads.

Details of the fields, the workers and how the Society supports itself was explained. Started as one of the first indigenous missionary societies, it continues to be so. A strong appeal was made to the congregation to take on some regular support and get involved in this work After all, is this not the primary task of the Church?

Different charts showing the percentage of Christians in India and the fields and location of places were effectively exhibited.

It was a happy and blessed service and we were conscious of the presence of the Holy Spirit throughout the service. Our

earnest prayer is that the Lord will make them a missionary congregation.

Mrs. Grace Sathyaraj
Secretary
Bangalore Branch

THE NATIONAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF INDIA

Sales Festival, Thanjavur 8-10-77

The NMS Branch at Thanjavur Town and the branches at the St. Peter's High School and Blake High School, Thanjavur, jointly celebrated the annual Sales Festival at 2 p m. on 8-10-77, in the premises of the St. Peter's Church, Thanjavur, with all enthusiasm and with abundant success.

The large scale participation of the members of the three Churches in Thanjavur was due to the sincere patronage and guidance rendered by Rev. G. Selwyn, Rev. Jeya Paul of CSI, Rev. Devaschavam of TELC and Rev. Arulmonickam of TELC and the valuable help extended by Mr. George, H.M., Blake High School, Mr. Gurumonickam, H M., St Peter's High School, Miss Lydia Jeyavathi, H.M., Girls Christian High School and Mrs. Nesam Durai Raj, H M., St. Peter's Ele. School and the staff of the respective schools. The staff of the schools took the lead in the festival by not only collecting donation but also in running the stalls efficiently. The Women's Fellowship, St. Peter's Church, took a leading step in inducing mothers to donate liberally for the sales and in running a special stall.

This unprecedential enthusiasm and interest in NMS was instilled by the unstinted and hectic work done by the joint Secretaries, viz. Mr. D P. Jeyaraj and Mr. Stephen Ponniah, even from December 1976 onwards. They presented almost each and every Christian family with a wall text at the time of Christmas 1976 and another wall text just two months prior to the date of sale. The emblem of NMS was printed in the wall texts. The cost of printing was voluntarily met by the above Joint Secretaries and Mrs. Annam Ponnusamy and Mr. Joseph David. All Christians were therefore eagerly awaiting the dawn of 8-10-77 to participate in the sales festival and get God's blessing.

Thanjavur Town was divided into convenient segments and group leaders were placed in charge. The group leaders

and party visited almost all Christian families. They expiained the aims and achievements of the NMS and collected promises about the articles they could offer and cash donations.

God our Lord provided us with a good weather on 8-10-77. Particularly ladies rose up early on 8-10-77 and prepared sweets and savouries, etc. for the sale. The articles for the sale began pouring in even from 9 a.m. The sale was commenced at 2 p.m. after thanksgiving prayer with Rev. G. Selwyn in the chair. Many Christians came in families and purchased the articles with great jubilation. The stall keepers were very sincere in selling the articles with a broad smile and interest. The medicines donated by Guru Medical Hall, Trichy and Karunanandar Medical Hall, Thajavur, were sold quickly. All the articles of tiffin, sweets, cakes and savouries etc. were completely sold away by 5 p.m. The sales came to a close at 5-30 p.m. The income from the Sales Festival is noted below :

By cash donations	Rs.	1,789 00
By Sales	Rs.	2,384 87
Total	Rs.	4,173 87

We pray that God our Lord should bless each and every donar and worker in the festival and help to spend the amount to His glory.

S. Solomon Rajayya,
Hony. Area Secretary,
Thanjavur.

Report from Mr. Franklin Bhasme

Mr. Franklin Bhasme writes, while I was returning from Madras after deputation, through the grace of our Lord, I was given chances to speak about the NMS fields with messages at Kambli town, Ayadanagar, Telugu Camps', Gangavathi Inunirbad Dam Site, Evangelical Christian Church, Hospet, Shirdhnur, Inamur, Selvar and other places, among both Kanada and Telugu people. Though I had no plan to visit, but because of the rain havoc, disrupted in the travel, I was led to take this route and meet these people. May God bless this work.

West India Organising Secretary's Tour Report, November 1977

After attending NMS Council at Vellore, under instruction along with the field workers I stayed in Madras 13-17 November and participated in prayer meetings arranged by Madras City Area Committee Later I left for Bangalore.

Nov. 18—25th at Bangalore: My main work was done. Got the Newsletter No. 4 printed and despatched to the various places Besides, I visited some of the NMS friends. I could meet only one person. At Rajajinagar Yesukrupa Church the pastor is my cousin brother's son He promised me that he would carry on NMS activities from January 1978.

Nov. 26—30th Harihar: I came to this place on Saturday. The Pastor Rev. Asangi was out of station. As per my letter, he arranged for me to speak in Sunday service about NMS. After service the Youth Secretary asked me to give a message at their meeting. I gave my testimony along with God's word. Though this St. Paul's Church has a small congregation, it has involved itself in Youth Band activities, Book Centre, and Bible Society. Now they are going to take up NMS work. I was requested to speak in the evening meeting. Mr. Muthalgeri showed keen interest in the NMS He is the President of NMS branch. They will start its work in the near future.

Davangere: The Pastor, Rev. Gideon took me to 2 places. Being end of the month, I could not do collection work Besides there was trouble in the Church. Two weeks back Mr. Clare from Mangalore had taken collection from the members, hence there was a set back for my work. To form a branch here will take sometime due to trouble. There is no pastorate committee, so it was suspended.

Ranebennur: I met the young Pastor, and had a good talk. As per my letter to him, he agreed to have a branch and to co-operate in our missionary work.

Rev. G. T. Malekar	—	President
Mr. S. G. Prabhakar	—	Secretary of the Branch.

They will start the NMS work in the New Year 1978 onwards, and I told him to announce it in the Church to the Congregation, after receipt of my letter.

Mot bennur: There is a Boarding Home and a Church of ex Basel Mission. When I visited 2 years ago I could not meet the pastor. This time one day earlier to my schedule I went there.

I met Rev. P. J. Kattebennur, had a talk with him about NMS and the Branch. Lastly he told me to pay another visit sometime in January. There are a few Churches far and near, so I have to plan to visit this area once again.

Returned to Bombay on 1st Dec. 1977.

The Report from the Organising Secretary, Mr. Paul Singh in the Triennial Council 1977 at Vellore

Respected President and all the members present,

I am grateful to God for giving me the opportunity to be here to attend this council. I have been working as the Organising Secretary for North India, since 1972 and I visited Kashmir, Rajasthan, Delhi, M.P, U.P, Bihar and Nepal. Sometimes alone and sometimes with the General Secretary, visiting Branches and Area Committees and new places to organise branches and contact people as well as to survey, to open new stations and to send Evangelists in new places. I also went on deputation in the South and also in the North. I re-organised the Agra Branch and organised a Branch in Jabalpur. I have tried to open branches in Kymore, Katni, Itarsi, Ajmer, Beawar, Jaipur and Jodhpur. The efforts are going on and it has happened that some branches will be organised in these places very shortly. Last year, I visited Rajasthan and collected Rs. 3,272.92. On the whole of the financial year, I could collect Rs. 1,845 67 including the amount of Rs. 427.45, which I received in my 9 days deputation work from 1st October 1977 to 9th October 1977, when Mr. Tahir Masih was with me giving his testimony which was very impressive.

In Bihar, I visited Bihar-Shariff along with other stations and found very good work being done by Mr. A. H. Wahdi. There are four candidates waiting for baptism for which I have arranged with the C. N I. Priests, Rev V. Munna Lall and Rev. Mandar Das.

I also translated the NMS Sunday appeal in Hindi and despatched them.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The Famous Maraman Convention will be held from February 12—19th 1978. Friends are requested to pray for the convention.

2. Glad to inform our Readers that the General Secretary's youngest son, FRANCIS TIRUMARAI SURIYA will be getting married with SHEILA ANNIE SUNDARY on the 2nd February 1978 at St. Paul Church, Madras-7. Friends are requested to pray for the couple.

3. There are unauthorised, unapproved matters appearing in the name of the National Missionary Society of India. The Society has no connection with this kind of articles Friends are requested to use the name of the National Missionary Society of India with the permission of the appropriate authorities.

General Secretary's Tour Programme

February 8th	—	Leave for Bombay
9th	—	Arrival at Bombay. Meet the Office bearers and voluntary workers
10th	—	Visit at Bombay and leave for Kolhapur
11th-12th	—	Kolhapur
13th	—	Return to Bombay
14th-19th	—	Gujarat
20th	—	Leave for Itarsi to join Mr. Paul Singh
21th-27th	—	Bihar Shariff
2nd-7th	—	Puri
9th	—	Return to Madras

OBITUARY

We regret to inform that Rev. Samuel Doraikan, retired Pastor of the Tamilnadu Evangelical Lutheran Church, had his home call at his residence at Tanjore. All along he had showed great interest in the society and its work by contribution and prayer. We convey our condolences to the members of the bereaved family. May God grant His servant the eternal joy of His fellowship.

We regret to announce the sudden death of Mr. Wilson Vedanayagam (brother of Mr. V. G Williams, President. NMS Madras City Area Committee) who peacefully passed away on Christmas Day 25—12—1977. Kindly pray for the bereaved family members.

The National Missionary Society of India

Income for the period Ended 31st December 77

S. No.	Areas	Budget for 1977—1978 Rs	P.	Actual Income from April 77 to Dec. 1977 Rs.	P.
1	Andamans	—		10	00
2	Assam	1100	00	96	40
3	Andhra Pradesh	4000	00	2730	00
4	Bombay	9000	00	4004	56
5	Bengal	3500	00	1850	00
6	Bihar	1500	00	150	00
7	Delhi	5000	00	2717	00
8	Gujarat	1750	00	575	00
9	Kashmir	300	00	612	23
10	Karnataka	10000	00	4677	95
11	Kerala	9000	00	6744	74
12	Maharashtra	2000	00	615	00
13	Madhya Pradesh	4500	00	2219	30
14	Madras City	45000	00	44017	33
15	Madurai	4000	00	3422	00
16	North Tamilnadu	15000	00	2886	25
17	Orissa	3000	00	133	00
18	Punjab	200	00	136	88
19	Rajasthan	2000	00	4 1	40
20	South Tamilnadu	15000	00	7957	30
21	Salem Dharmapuri	—		1214	00
22	Utter Pradesh	9000	00	6551	47
23	Miscellaneous	6500	00	757	15
24	Interest	5000	00	5751	23
25	Field reeeipts	7000	00	2820	73
26	Refunds	—		3124	40
27	Guest Room Rent	—		623	00
28	Friends from outside India	—		810	00
		163300	00	108328	32

Project Support

1	Sikkim	2500	00	3078	89
2	Andamans	6000	00	3545	00
3	Bihar	3600	00	1200	00
4	Muddebihal	3630	60	2000	00
5	K. K Prayer Band	19865	84	9638	56
6	St. Paul's Church	6000	00	450	00
7	Kashmir	4000	00	3650	00
8	West Bengal	—		103	00
9	Nepal	—		2000	00
10	Jawadhi—Others	—		200	00
11	Trivandrum Branch	—		1200	00
12	Gujarat	—		50	00
13	Life Membership	—		3231	00
		45596	44	30396	45

		Payment Made	
1	Workers Relief Endowment Fund		6316 36
2	Christmas Cheers	3870 00	3115 00
3	Cyclone Relief	1175 00	1395 00
4	Building Fund	—	50 00
		5045 00	10876 36

The National Missionary Society of India

Expenditure for nine Months ending December 1977

S. No.	Areas	Estimated Expenditure for the year	Actual Expenditure for nine months
		Rs. P.	Rs. P.
1	Bageshwar	2970 60	2255 50
2	Bengal	2580 00	1313 64
3	Madhya Pradesh	4069 20	2949 03
4	Karnataka	3630 80	2958 60
5	Orissa	16830 60	6571 30
6	Andamans	7399 00	3996 30
7	Bihar	2700 00	2446 60
8	Kashmir	5000 00	3515 00
9	Nepal	5380 00	4414 00
10	Gujarat	5852 00	3048 95
11	Sikkim	6809 60	7522 79
12	Jawadhi Hilis	41231 16	29633 19
13	Rajasthan	2340 00	2246 00
14	North India	2700 00	2652 85
15	Kerala	5200 00	3254 25
16	West India	4298 40	4531 04
17	Tamil Nadu	6493 00	2364 74
18	General Secretary	9431 06	7425 46
19	T A. of Org Sec./	13000 00	6157 38
20	Madras City Collection expenses	—	1371 47
21	Area Cummittee	6900 00	2422 62
22	Head Quarters	15965 00	11719 52
23	General	7450 00	8118 97
24	Gospel Team Deputation	5000 00	1251 80
25	Comm & Conferences	5000 00	12360 67
26	Literature	15000 00	12072 63
27	All India General	11600 00	7876 46
28	Theological Tg.	2500 00	935 92
29	Deputation a/c	—	2000 00
		216736 22	159386 68

Hony. Treasurer.

Christmas Cheers received till 31—12—1977

	Rs.	Ps.
Mr. J. C. Baynes	50	00
„ P. K. Phillip	20	00
Mariammal Mary	25	00
Mr. I. Daniel	100	00
Mrs. V. Rane	200	00
Mr. W. Joacquin	20	00
Miss. E. L. Snipstone	100	00
Mrs. Ratnam Devapiriam	10	00
„ Jeyaraj Stephen	30	00
Mr. Sam John	100	00
„ S J. Savangouder	10	00
Mrs. Mary S. Maneckshaw	50	00
Mr. D. Jayasingh Rowlinson	25	00
„ D. Visvesarathnam	10	00
„ Kovilpitchai John	10	00
„ S. J. Abraham	10	00
„ B C. Ghose	10	00
„ P. M. Ambrose	10	00
„ E. R. Peters	5	00
Dr. V. S Charles	10	00
Sister Pushpam Ammal	20	00
Mr. J. K Dass	10	00
Miss. Shukia	100	00
Mrs. S. Devapiriam	10	00
Mr. D. F. T. Suriya	20	00
„ G. Solomon	25	00
Mrs. Mary Sulochana	50	00
Mr. J. K. Das	10	00
Mrs. B- Ambrose	50	00
Miss. Amelina G. P. Pakkia	50	00
Rev. Paul Das	50	00
Miss. Prabha Jesudason	50	00
Mr. C. Aruldas	10	00
M/s. R. &. P. Thomas	45	00
Thro. Mrs Edith K. Victor	150	00
Mr. Joseph Stephen	5	00
„ Russel Raj	50	00
„ P. V. Chacko	10	00
„ Rajamanickam	10	00
„ M. Y. Rajam	5	00
„ K. A. Eapen	10	00
„ K G. Kurien	5	00
„ Kanakaraj	30	00
„ J. D Mony	20	00
„ K. M. Abraham	5	00
„ P. C. Mathai	5	00
„ C. I Ninan	5	00
Mrs. Jasper Jacob	5	00
„ Vargese	5	00
„ P. A. Mathew	5	50
„ S. Thambu Joseph	5	00
„ K. O. Thomas	5	00
„ T. S. Thomas	10	00
„ Muthukutty	5	00
„ Kunju Mathew	5	00
„ Thangama Philip	5	00
Miss. Y. Joy	100	00
G. C. P. P. Fellowship	50	00
Mrs. Sarama James	20	00
„ Sushil Mohan	10	00
Mr. Cecil Dorairaj	20	00
„ Noel	5	00
„ K. K. Daniel	10	00
„ Peter Abraham	3	00
English Wesley Church	75	00
Thro. Mrs Grace Sathiyaraj	323	00
Mr. A, G. P. Devasihamani	10	00
„ Paul S Kanthan	10	00
„ D. Rajaratnam	30	00

Through Mr. J. P. Ashwal. Bombay

Mrs. W. Ashwal, Bangalore	5	00
Dr. H. Job. Bangalore	100	00
Mr. Alexander Samuel	10	00
„ G. G. Singh	10	00
„ Phillips Family	100	00

Through Mr. Daniel Yunas, Delhi

Mr. A. S. Seymour	10	00
„ Francis Pershad	10	00
„ Ayab Brown	10	00
Rev. Nirmal David	10	00
„ John Bhsjjan	10	00
Mr. Even Lazarus	10	00
„ Daniel Yunas	10	00
„ G. Packiuraj	20	00
„ John Abraham	5	00
„ N. M. Duraisingh	5	00
„ D. Mitra	50	00
Through Mr. J. P. Ashwal	250	00
Mr. S. Jacob	10	00
Rev. T. Pnillip	52	00
Mrs. K. Thangiah	20	00
„ Thilakavathy Raja	15	00
Mr. A. K. Das	20	00
Mr. & Mrs. A. H Khan	25	00
Mr. R. Natheniel	50	00
„ G. N. D. S. Rathnam	50	00
Mrs. M. Airan	25	00

	Rs	Ps.
Mr. G. E. Joseph	25	00
„ G. Solomon	100	00
„ T. J Chelliah	10	00
„ R. G Mantramurti	10	00
Simon Dominic Baretto	5	00

Through Mr. J. Thomas

Rev. O. J. Wilson	5	00
„ Asai	5	00
„ S. Samuel	5	00
„ K Singh	5	00
„ S D. Rao	5	00
„ P. K. Chowdhary	5	00
„ Mr. T. Thomas	5	00
Mr. Ranbir Singh	10	00
„ Basant Munnalal	5	00
„ Basant M. Lal	5	00
„ John D'Silva	5	00
„ E. Patras	5	00
„ Jacob Joseph	5	00
Mrs. H. B Singh	5	00
Miss. J. Luke	5	00
„ Sunita Samuel	5	00
„ G. Dhanyahad	5	00
„ C. Singh	5	00
Mrs. J. Munnalal	5	00
Dr. Mrs. Marriamma George	5	00
Sri. P. John Kurien	3	00
Mr. K. Chandy	5	00
Rev. Samuel Duraikan	50	00
Rev. C G. Alexander	15	00
Through Mr. J. P Ashwal Jawadhi Sunday School Children	100	00
Muddebihal „ „	30	00
Mr. D. Henry	50	00
Mr G. David Samuel	5	00
Mr. Archibald Nazareth	5	00
Dr. P. N. Roul	50	00

Through Mr. Solomon Rajayya, Thanjavur

D. M. C. Home	10	00
Mr. R D. Wilson	10	00
„ Suganjharajan	5	00
„ S. D. V. Rajakumar	5	00
„ E R. Jeyvraj	5	00
„ Eden Alexander	25	00
Rev. Edward	2	00
Mr. Rajan	5	00
Dr. A. P. Devadass	10	00
Mr. J. J. Jeyasekaran	5	00
„ John Samuel	2	00
„ Azariah	5	00
„ Solomon Rajayya	5	00
Total	3115	00

Contributions from 1—10—1977 to 31—12—1977

	Rs.	Ps.
Punjab		
Ankola Parish	61	88
Mr. A J. Thekni Das	50	00
Mr. J. Wilson Sundaraj	25	00
	136	88

U. P.

Thro. Mr. P. N. Sewake	67	00
St Peter's Church	78	00
Holy Trinity Church	94	20
Holy Cross Church	107	00
Yellow Church	30	45
Agro Annual Conf. Methodist Church	145	00
Mr. J. Das	390	00
„ Paul Singh	190	00
„ R. M. Vincent	100	00
Miss. B. Devaraj	100	00
Thro. Mr. A H. Khan	10	00
Dr. Stephen	10	00
Mr. G. V. Qadir	500	00
„ J. K. Das	259	00
Collections	61	00
Thro, Mr. A. H. Khan	200	00
Mrs. Kamble	10	00
Kum. Rekha R-Dayal	5	00
Mr. F. S. Mathews	15	00
Miss. R. R. Dayal	10	00
Mr. John A. Freeser	100	00
Mr. & Mrs. Chiraj Das	20	00
Mrs. W. Wilson	10	00
Rev. S. Raman	25	00
Mr. N. F. Singh	224	60
„ P. P. Eldred	188	00
„ Lenny Williams	20	00
„ B. S. Lall	10	00
„ Meenakumar	2	00

	Rs.	Ps.
Mrs. Jov Christie	2	00
Mr. & Mrs J. D. Patel	30	00
Mr. A. K Das	100	00
„ D Misra	200	00
Mrs. John Shukla	25	00
	3338	25

Kashmir

Khari Jaintia Presbyterian	400	00
Mr. V. T. Abraham	5	00
All Saints Church	207	23
	612	23

Delhi

Mr. Francis Pershad	351	00
„ B C. Ghose	20	00
„ G. Vinceut	35	00
Rev. G. Grose	50	00
	456	00

Bengal

St Xavier's Tamil Church	750	00
Mr. M. N. Banerjee	600	00
Mrs. V. J. Rao	100	00
Rev. G. Andrews	100	00
	1550	00

Assam

Rev. Habil Barla	96	40

Bihar

Thro. Mr. Paul Singh	150	00

Orissa

Baptish Church	23	00
Mr. A. C. Misra	30	00
„ P. K. Sahru	5	00
„ J. K. Das	10	00
	68	00

Rajasthan

C.N.I. Church	16	40
Methodist Church	50	00
	66	40

	Rs.	Ps.
Maharashtra		
All Saints Church	37	00
Mr. J. P. Ashwal	101	00
	138	00

M. P.

St. Paul's Church	105	22
Malayalam Xian Congragation	21	50
Thro. Mr. Paul Sing	287	00
Thro. General Secretary	150	00
Thro. Mr. T. Thomas	523	40
Mr. Oliver Khalkho	25	00
Mr. Michael Yonathan	15	00
Satna Collections	42	18
Mr. T. C. John	40	00
Mr. G. S. Samuel	5	00
Dr. P. R. Abraham	300	00
	1414	30

Kerala

Thirumala Prayer Fellowship	150	00
President and members of Bethannia Committee	25	00
Thro. Mr. K. Chandy	651	00
Miss. A. Thomas	449	49
Mr. A. wilson	700	00
Rev. John John	10	00
Dr. N. G. Mani	10	00
Thro. Miss. A. Thomas	24	51
Mrs. Bai Yesudhas	60	00
Mr. D. A. Sighamoni	10	00
„ J. Robinson Crusoe	30	00
„ D. Joshua	20	00
„ S. Lawrence	20	00
Rev. E. John Victor	41	36
Mr. K. I. Varghese	100	00
„ M. V. John	10	00
Susan Jacob	10	00
Mr. V. M. Ihyerah	10	00
Sarammah	10	00
Mr Thambarhan	10	00
„ Isaac Murain	5	00
„ J. Nesana	50	00
Alexander	10	00
Mr. S. Lawrence	20	00
„ C. Samraj	10	00
Udyomandal	420	00
Mr. Alexander Samuel	40	00
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PRAYER

O God Almighty, who has bestowed upon us talents according to our ability, help us to use our maximum efforts to gain the best for Thy name's Glory and for the benefit of all man through Jesus our Lord.

MEDITATION

"The wicked and lazy servant" Mathew 25: 24-29.

In the last issue we had meditation about the talents given to us, and what our Lord expects from us. In this parable, one of those who received less had been called wicked and lazy. Let us see why he was called so.

1. He was so slothful that he had no mind to take least effort of putting the talent to the bank so that it can gain interest. So he was condemned as lazy, while the other two won the praise of their master for their honesty and maximum use of their efforts.

2 Afraid of taking risk. Business involves risks. Success is for those who dare and act. He was afraid of loosing the jittie if he was to involve in business. God helps those who help themselves.

3. He is called wicked because he did not realise his own shortcomings and failures. But he accused his master who entrusted him with the responsibility, without fulfilling his obligations. (NEB) One version calls him 'rascal'. So because of his laziness, fear and his accusation of others for his own shortcomings, he was called so.

Now as we read this parable let us see where we stand in the use of talents God bestowed upon us. Are we willing to risk and use our maximum effort to get the best to His glory and to the benefit of other men? Are we always grumbling at our state, instead of making use of the situatiou for the best ?

THE NATIONAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF INDIA

(Founders Statement)

(Contd. from Feb. '78 issue)

We look for three sources of income : in the first place, individual Christians of means who will themselves support single workers. In the second place, self-supporting churches and wealthy communities which can give liberally to the Society can have a worker or workers of their own, and while contributing through the channels of the Society, will yet feel that they have their own missionary or their own mission. In third place, even poorer churches will be able to contribute something towards this great work. One missionary, for example, said: "I should be glad to have you take a collection for the Society not only in my self-supporting pastorates, but I should be glad also if you would take an annual collection even from my poorer churches, which have not attained to self-support. You will not get large amounts, but if you can awaken in the people a new missionary enthusiasm, a new spirit of prayer, a wider horizon and sympathy for India as a whole, and a more earnest spirit to work for Christ in their own villages, you will lose nothing in subsequent collections, and the people will have gained much. Their gifts may be small, but their power of prayer will be great." Another senior missionary said he would be glad to see annual collections taken throughout the churches of his mission, numbering more than 50,000 Christians.

We feel strongly that all worker of the Society should be supported by Indian Christians themselves, and that *no appeals for aid should ever be made outside of India*. The Society must be truly Indian, and self-supporting from within India itself, or it will have no excuse for existence.

A possible objection to the Society may be urged by saying that the time has not yet come for its organization; that the Indian community is not sufficiently advanced or capable of conducting such an enterprise. This objection has been carefully weighed, but several considerations lead us to believe that the time is ripe for such a movement. It is, however, only by giving responsibility to the Indian Community that it will ever be fitted to undertake larger responsibility; it is only by experience that it can develop in self-support, self-government and self-propagation. Merely by waiting and doing nothing we shall not be prepared to undertake larger things in the future. If the time

has not come for a large movement, it has come at least, for a small one, and by experience gained in conducting a small movement we shall be able to conduct a larger one as it grows with the development of the Indian community in numerical and financial strength and in missionary zeal.

It may be said that the Indian community has not the missionary spirit to undertake such a movement. But we believe it is just such movements that will develop the missionary spirit, and that it is largely for lack of such indigenous outlets, and because of feeling that the work is not their own that the missionary response has been so feeble in the past. We have been told from the time of the establishment of missions that the real aim of the foreigner was to establish an indigenous and self-propagating church in India. We have so long been urged to go forward that we feel confident of the sympathy and co-operation of missionaries at this time, and that a fair trial will be given to such a movement.

If the work must begin on a small scale, let it be remembered that the great Moravian Church, which has been a model of missionary enterprise, began its missionary movement when the community was but a poor, persecuted colony of only 600 souls, and within ten years from the time that they had felled the first tree at Herrnhut in the struggle for their existence. Yet this feeble community that seemed scarcely able to support itself had, within five years, opened as many missions in the West Indies, Greenland, among the North American Indians, in South America and South Africa, so that now one in every 65 of their communicants is a missionary, and, poor as they are, they have sent over 700 missionaries to the foreign field. We have to-day in India more than 1,000,000 Protestant Christians, many of them in communities which have had the Gospel for three or four generations. Are we to postpone for ever our missionary responsibility? We have been weakened long enough already by inactivity. Let us begin at once as did the Moravian brethren, and we will receive, as they did, the reflex blessings of the missionary enterprise.

Let it be remembered also that the beginning of the Protestant Missionary movement in Great Britain was but small and feeble, and met with opposition and contempt at its inception. The great Baptist Missionary Society of England began with one man ready to go and a few shillings in its treasury. Yet, that one man struck the key-note of the enterprise and aroused the Church to activity in his call: "Expect great things from God; attempt great things for God." All England was against Carey. No English ship would carry him, the East India Company

refused him admission as a missionary on England soil. Yet, where should we have been if he had not braved opposition and obeyed the call of God and the command of Christ?

The missionary movement, a century ago in America, began with five young men bowed in prayer under a haystack in a thunderstorm. Well nigh the whole church was against them. It was urged that the time had not yet come, that America needed foreign missionaries and foreign support rather than to undertake a missionary movement of its own. It was urged that the country had no religion to spare, but it has since been well said that if they had not risen to undertake their own missionary work, by this time the country would have had no religion to keep. "There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth and there is that with-holdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty."

Brethern, the hour has come for an advance. We have carefully canvassed the Indian community and numbers of missionaries, who have promised us their support. But our command and our call to go forward come from Christ himself, and standing with uplifted hands, outstretched in blessing over the Church in India, He re-echoes the commands: "Go ye"; "Pray ye"; "Give ye". It is *He* that prayed that we might be one. It is he that unites us, for we are all one in Christ. It is He who has called us out of darkness into His marvellous light. It is He who has given us all the talents we possess; and it is He who trusts us now that we shall not fail Him, and He says: "Go ye into the world—into all India—and preach the gospel to every creature." Lo, I am with you always."

A REQUEST

Friends are requested not to publish either Printed or type-written articles in the name of the National Missionary Society of India, without the permission and approval of the General Secretary.

Recently some type-written articles have been circulated in the name of the Society without our approval which has created misunderstanding in the minds of our friends. Please avoid such embarrasments.

K. G. S. Dorairaj,
General Secretary.

A SHORT REPORT ON MY VISIT TO KANPUR

I am happy to give the readers of the NMI my short report on my visit to Kanpur on January 26 (Republic Day) when I was invited by the Kanpur NMS Branch to participate in their Annual General Meeting and conduct their elections etc I thank God for this opportunity in the first month of 1978 as I planned to do some work out of Lucknow.

The Annual General Meeting of the Kanpur Branch was held at 3 30 p m. on January 26th 1978, at the residence of Mr and Mrs. Shukla, Civil lines, Kanpur The meeting began with devotion by Rev. CH. Ram, the new Pastor of the Lizzie Johnson Memorial Church, Kanpur, accompanied by the D.S. Rev. Ariel. I was happy to see these people present in the meeting and as they showed their interest in the work of the NMS and assured us of their full support for NMS. There were about 25 members present and I had the chance of hearing good reports of the Secretary and the Treasurer on the work of the local branch. We are glad that God heard our prayers and extended His merciful hands on our friend and Secretary Mr. Joshi Das who had an attack of paralysis on his left side on 22nd Dec. He was present in the meeting and gave his and Secretary's report in the absence of the Secretary. We thank God for restoring him back to health. Members are requested to remember him in their prayers. A full report from the local Secretary will follow soon giving full details of newly elected office bearers.

On the whole I found that the Kanpur branch is going to be our main branch in raising funds. They enroll members by visiting homes in different mohallas. Mrs. Shukla, who is the President of the Kanpur Branch, helps them by giving the use of the school conveyance to enable Mr. J. Dass and others to visit houses which are far off. We are grateful to Mrs. Shukla for her readiness to help the local branch. The local branch is very fortunate to have Mrs. Shukla as its President.

At the close of the meeting Mrs. Shukla served hot tea and refreshment to all those who were present.

A. H. Khan
Hony. Secretary
U. P. Area.

GOD ANSWERS PRAYERS

"Bless the Lord O my soul and all that is within me bless His Holy name ! Bless the Lord, O my soul and forget not all His benefits."

Mr. Tahir Masih

(A) We have been praying for a long time that our evangelistic work in Kashmir may be fruitful. God has answered our prayers. Mr. Tahir Masih our worker in Kashmir is a Muslim convert and in a short period of his work in Kashmir has converted three muslims, Mr. Yusuf, Mr. Looga and Mr. Markus. Let us thank God for this, for surely this is the work of the Holy spirit We are giving below the testimonies of these three converts.

My Religion

My name was Mohd Yousef before I became convented. I live in the Shopian, Tensil and by occupation I am a respected teacher. At present I am running a High School with a good staff In 1971 I was introduced to a man named Tahir Masih at my institution where Jamia-Dlniyath exams were being held, and there Tahir Masih was the superintendent of the exams. I found out all I could about him, and with an intention of bringing him back to his own religion I invited him back to my home. I offered him money thinking that he must have been paid to become a Christian, but this upset him and he went away. After some time Tahir came back to my home to persuade me again. After a great discussion I came to understand the essence of Christianity. After that I acknowledged that Christ is the living reality and is the source of salvation, and I believe in Him. Thank God who has given me light to understand Christ.

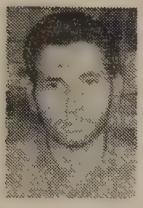
Mr. Yousef

By Yousef

My Faith

I am a resident of the Tangmarg Tehsil Kashmir, and before accepting Christianity I was Ghulam Hassan and my new name is Looqa Hassan. Once a man named Tahir Masih came to our

village for preaching Christianity. In our villags there is no hotel and so the man was taken to our home by my father and at that time I was seriously ill and lying in bed. My father served the man with all comforts and requested him to pray for my re-covery. This gentleman did what he was asked. I got well and the man was respected by my father, and all other people. Throughout the night he had remained in prayer. The man told my father that all praise is due to Jesus Christ who had made me well saying, "Christ has worked the miracle where by your son has been saved from death. You should praise Him, not me".



Mr. Looqa Hassan

Because Christ is the living reality I placed my faith upon Christ who has saved me from the jaws of death. Since when I have been a strong Christian.

By Looqa Hassan.

Why I became Christian

Before acknowledging Christianity I was Ghulam Mohammed, and through the blessings of Jesus Christ I am now called Markus. I belong to a pir dynasty (preachers of Islam) I belong to the district of Anantnag, Kashmir.

Mr. Mohmud Markus

It was summer. I was walking about on the bank of a canal. I saw a man preaching Christianity, namely Tahir Masih, and as I was educated in muslim theology I stopped to listen to him. We both were conversant with muslim theology and a good discussion started between us. I, in accordance with Islam, believed in the prophet Mohammed as the last seal of prophethood and the Quran as the last divine book containing the gist of all religions. Tahir Masih tried to dispel the illusions in which I was sailing. I requested him to meet me again. Accordingly Mr. Tahir Masih came many times for further discussions. It took me a long time to become aware of all the possibilities of salvation of Christianity. Now today I feel that Christianity is the one true religion, and contains the ultimate revelation of God to man, and I believe Christianity to be the best approach to human life. Jesus Christ has guided me and saved me from the hell of my thoughts. I am thanking Him from the depth of my heart for the blessings bestowed upon me.

By Markus.

(B) We have been praying that Mr. M. Mauzar, the eldest son of Mr. A. H. Wahadi, our worker in Bihar may be converted. Mr. Mauzar was a muslim and he did not like his father because he became a Christian and was harassing his father very much. God has answered our prayers, and Mr. Mauzar repented before his death. Below is a report from Mr. A. H. Wahadi.

My eldest son M. Mauzar came to me on the 1st January 1978. He was weeping very much. He said that he saw a shining light in his bed room last night and heard a voice "Go to your father and save yourself immediately." He said "So please excuse me for my bad activities and save me forever." I told my son "If you believe Christ is Saviour then I will excuse you and you will be saved for ever." Now he believed in Christ as Saviour and we spent a very Happy New Year.

On the 3rd January 1978 my son went to his father-in-law and fell ill seriously. He was suffering from Dilirium and inspite of my best efforts for his recovery he expired on 6th January 1978. I got a very heavy burden in this accident, but I am very happy and thankful to God for my son believed in Chriat and got his eternal life before his death. Thanks to all the brothers in Christ who prayed for me and my eldest son.

(C) God has also answered our prayers for the tribles in Jawadhi Hills. Ten families are now ready for baptism.

N.M.S. SUNDAY SCHOOL IN THE CITY OF MADRAS

Egmore Sunday School

This is the first Sunday School started by the N.M.S. in Madras about 15 years ago. Mr. V. Samuel who lives in that area around Sami Reddy Street was from the very beginning associated with this school, which was held in the open space in front of the house of a Hindu family. Within 2 years this family of father mother and three children gave itself to Christ and they were all baptized in the Tamil methodist Church, Vepery.

About 6 years ago, the school was shifted to the premises of the Y.M.C A. Community Centre in that neighbourhood. The school is now run by Mrs. Sara Samuel, the wife of Mr. V. Samuel assisted by Mr. Robert Ranjan, one the children baptized in the early years of the school;

The school celebrated Christmas on 9—1—1978, from 4 to

6 p.m-, with Mr. V. G. Williams, the N.M.S President in Madras and Mrs. Williams as chief guests.

The programme consisted of prayers, group songs, recital of Bible verses, message by Mr. V. G. Williams, distribution of prizes by Mrs. Gladys Karunakaran David of the Children's Hospital and a Christmas play staged by the children under the guidance of Mrs. Sara Samuel and Mr. Robert Ranjan. Mr. Jayaraman a professional cameraman and a friend of Mr. V. Samuel kindly took some photo flashes at the meeting and presented the prints to the school.

The function was closed with prayer and benediction by Mr. Y. M. D. Dhanaraj, the convener of the N.M.S. Vepery branch.

Flowers Road Sunday School

This school is about 2 years old and has a strength of about 30 children with three teachers, all of whom live in the same area Mr. D. David of the London Mission Church, Mr. S. J. Santiago of the Tamil Methodist Church and Mr. David Nesamony of the Salvation Army.

Mr. A. Nithiya nandam

The school celebrated Christmas at two meetings held in Nehru Park. At the first meeting presided over by Mr D. David the programme consisted of prayers, group songs, testimony by A. Nithiyanandam one of the Hindu boys of the school who was miraculously cured of his long-standing lame leg by the individual and collective prayers of the school staff and others, especially Mr. David Nesamony, a message by Mr. V. J Santhappan and distribution of sweets.

At the second meeting the programme was short and sweet. A Hindu girl read the Bible lesson, Mr. S. J. Santiage led the meeting in prayer and Mr. G. Solomon gave a short message. After serving refreshments and coffee, kindly prepared by Mrs. David Mr. Nesamony closed the meeting with prayer and benediction.

Mr. David Nesamony

N.M.S. Sunday School at Padmanabapuram, Kodambakkam

This Sunday school was started only last year with 17 Hindu children in the residence of Mr. David Chellappan, in Padmanabapuram, which is about 3 miles from Kodambakkam Bridge. We are thankful to Mr. M. M. Tyagarajan. one of our N.M.S. Members for arranging this place for the Sunday School. We also thank Mrs. Chellappan and her children for bringing the children in the neighbourhood to the Sunday class. In this area there are only about 5 protestant Christian families and there is no Church here. The strength of the Sunday School increased every month and there are now 62 children attending the Sunday school. Most of them are Hindus and some of them are Roman Catholics.

In May 1977, a special V.B.S. class was arranged for these children. Miss Beula Bauliah prepared a suitable syllabus for the Hindu children and helped us with her useful suggestions for conducting the V.B S. On the last day two dramas were staged by the children and they Sang Choruses & Songs, recited Bible verses and said short arrow prayers 'Lord Jesus enter into my heart' Amen. Jesus come into my home' Amen. 'Jesus, give me good health' Amen. 'Jesus save me'. Amen.

The parents of the children were also invited to attend the function and most of them responded.

On Christmas Day 1977, the children were given cakes and laddus, and a short Christmas message was given by Mr. G. Jebaraj, the Superintendant of the Sunday school. On 8th Jan. '78 a Christmas play as staged by the children on the plot adjacant to Mr. Chellappan's house. Mr. A. Aruliah, the Deputy Superintendant of Police, who is residing in Padmanabapuram presided ever the function and distributed the prizes. Mr. Paulraj gave a suitable message which the children liked. There was an Indian dance by the children when a Christmas Lyric was sung. There was also Kolatam to the tune of another Christmas Lyric. The Christmas songs and choruses, sung by the children were much appreciated by the gathering which included the parents of the children and a number of Hindus in the locality. About 300 persons attended this function which was a great successes. Our thanks are due to Mr. Ashley Samuel and Mr. Navaratnam who arranged the stage and to Mr. Rajendren who arranged the photographer, Mr. John Ramalingam. We are very grateful to the pastor and members of the Church of the Risen Redeemer Kodambakkam for their keen interest in and prayers and donations for this Sunday School.

Mr. G. Jebaraj, the superintendent is ably assisted by five sunday school teachers Mr. C Alexander, Mr. Anand, Mr Jayasingh, Mr. A. Alexander and Mr. Paulraj. Please pray that the gospel may be communicated to the non-christians in this area through this sunday school children.

Platinum Jubilee of the Indian Missionary Society

The Indian Missionary society celebrated Platinum Jubilee in Palayamkottai from the 10th-12th February 1978. Mr. J. F. Arumainayagam our Associate General Secretary for South India represented the National Missionary Society of India in these celebrations. In conveying the greetings of the N.M.S. to I.M.S. in the Public Meeting on the 12th February, Mr. J. F. Arumainayagam congratulated the I.M.S. on its meritorious evangelistic work for the past 75 years. He said that in the city of Madras there is very cordial relationship among the members of N.M.S , and the I.M S. Most of the I M S. members are also members of N M S. and the members of the N.M.S. take an active part in the activities of I.M S. and viceversa. He hoped that such good fellowship exists among N.M.S. and I.M.S. members in other parts of South India also. It is but natural that this should be the state of affairs because the Founder of the I.M.S., the late Bishop Azariah was also the founder of N.M.S. and was its first General Secretary.

New from Centres and Requests for Prayers

Jowadhi Hills—Thongumalai

Gne Kuppan has got some faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. Recently he lost his wife and child. In spite of that he says that he is still praising God. Please pray for him.

Three students from the seminary at Arasaradi visited Thongumalai during Christmas season and gave messages. The Hill tribes were greatly blessed by this.

Mr. I. Arumainayagam,
Worker in Thongumalai.

Some students from the Hill tribes come to the workers for prayers and church service is conducted for them on Sunday. They are also taught songs and Bible verses. Please pray for them. We hope to conduct VBS for them during April or May 28. Please pray that they may be benefited by the VBS classes and accept our Lord as Saviour.

The daughter of the Local Temple priest is very ill. Please pray for her speedy recovery and that God may use her for the spread of the Gospel.

One Chinnayan of Peengamanthai has spent lot of money for his daughter-in-law and grandson who are sick but there is no improvement in their health. After our field worker prayed there and spoke to them about the miracles of our Lord, Chinnayan has accepted our Lord. Please pray for this family so that their faith in the Lord may be strengthened.

Nithyanandam
Worker in Thongumalai

Nadanur

Many people are being prepared for baptism. One among them gave his testimony. He said that after coming to know about Christ, he feels that he is sheltered under His wings and nothing can harm him Please pray that he should be steadfast in his faith.

The three students from Arasaradi Seminar mentioned above also visited Nadanur.

In Nadanur an aged woman was suffering from acute burning sensation in the stomach. When she prayed to our Lord, she got well. She believes that our Lord has healed her, and she gave her thankoffering. Please pray for her.

Mrs. T. Victoria
NMS Worker in Nadanur.

Service was conducted on Christmas Day. Many of the villages took part in it. Prominent men from the Hili tribes were also invited to this service. They also came and encouraged others. Breakfast was given to all who attended the service. Some Tribal people are being prepared for baptism. Please pray for them.

Mr. G. Gnanamuthu
Missionary in charge of Nadanur.

One young woman from Puthur village was suffering from dysentry for 15 days. Our field worker Saramma visited the village and came to know about her sickness Saramma told a story from the Bible and prayed for her. Some tablets were also given After two days the woman came and told that she was healed by the Grace of God.

Saramma George
Nadanur.

Alleri

One Chinnappan has accepted our Lord and prays in the morning, noon and night. His legs are benumbed. Please pray for him.

Jeyaraj Samuel and G. A. Raju
Workers in Alleri.

Increase in the Salaries of Workers

In his letter published in the January issue of the NMI, the General Secretary has referred to the decision of the last Triennial Council to grant an **adhoc** increase of 10% in the present salaries of our workers with retrospective effect from 1-4-77, and has made an appeal to all the members of the Council, friends and well-wishers to raise at least 25% so as to enable the Society to meet this increased commitment. The Council's decision was based on the understanding that there would be ready response from the Areas in this regard. However, so far there has been hardly any response to this appeal. Further as will be noticed from the statement of income for the perlod ended Dec. 31st 1977 appearing on page 10 of the February issue of this journal, contributions from most areas are far short of the budgeted figures, thus placing the Society in a difficult financial position.

All Area Committees, Council members and friends are therefore once again requested to take steps to make up the deficit in their budgeted figures before the end of March 1978 and endeavour their utmost to collect 25% increased contributions to meet the extra expenditure on account of payment of increased salaries to the workers.

M. D. Selvaraj,
Hony. Treasurer

Annual Get-to-gether Function

The annual get-to-gether function of the Madras City Area Committee was held in the Bentinck Girls High School on the Republic Day. The report of the function as published on the 'Mail' dated 29th January 1978 is given below:

The annual get-together of the National Missionary Society of India was held on Republic Day at the Bentinck Girls High School, Vepery.

Mr. V. G. Williams, president, welcomed the gathering. Mr. S. J. Wilfred, Honorary Treasurer of the CSI Diocese of Madras, who was the Chief Guest, praised the work of NMS for the past 72 years among hill tribes and backward classes in various parts of India and appealed to Christians to support it. Mrs. Shanti Pragal Singh distributed prizes to winners in the sports and quiz. The function concluded with prayer and benediction by Rev. K. G. S. Dorairaj, General Secretary.

FELICITATION

We are glad to inform our readers that Dr. A. S. Thambiah has been appointed as the Superintendant of the Government General Hospital, Madras. We congratulate Dr. Thambiah on his new appointment. Let us all pray that God may bless him for the successful healing ministry and in the responsibilities that he has to handle as the superintendent of the General Hospital. Dr. A. S. Thambiah and his mother Dr. (Mrs.) L. Thambiah are supporters of the NMS for a long time.

The marriage of Christina Sundarabai (Typist in the NMS Office, Madras) with Mr. Percy Chandrasekaran was solemnised in the Royapuram Lutheran Church on the 27th Jan. 1978. Let us pray that God may shower His choicest blessings on the newly married couple.

A Letter from Mrs. Grace Sathyaraj

Bangalore
14th February 1978.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

The Psalmist says 'O give thanks unto the Lord, call upon His name, make known His deeds among the people; Sing unto Him, Sing psalms unto Him. Talk ye of all His wondrous works,'

The Lord has done such great things in my life in the recent months, that I do want to share my experiences with you.

In mid June ahd July last year; I was invited by the Haggai Institute to attend 'An advanced Leadership Training' for three weeks at Singapore. This Institute seeks to train credentialed

national Christian leaders from the countries of the third world in the 'How' of evangelisation. These leaders are in turn, expected to share their training with fellow christians back in their own areas of ministry.

The founder and President of this Institute is Dr. John Haggal of Atlanta, Georgia, to whom God has given this vision to reach out to the millions of the 'third world' countries. It functions from the Headquarters at Atlanta and another office at Brisbane Australia and the Institute itself is held at Singapore, as it is the central place for the participants. It has been functioning for the past eight years and has trained 500 leaders.

God out of His providence and mercy deemed it fit that I should attend the first women's session held in 1977.

The subjects taught are Communication, Comparison of religions, business management, stewardship, effective speech and woman, home, church, career and Theology. The members of the faculty are eminent leaders and scholars and Christian workers drawn from Asian countries.

Being associated with the N.M.S. for the past thirty years and coming from a strong national background, I find that they have the right perspective, and their aim is to crate leadership of a high calibre which in turn would be responsible for creating self supporting and seif propagative Christian congregations.

I was deeply inspired by the training and thoroughly enjoyed the fellowship of the other women numbering forty one from seven nations. The christian life 2nd devotion of the faculty touched my heart. The high-handed western attttude was totally absent.

To my greatest surprise and wonder I received a letter from Atlanta in October '77 asking me if I would attend their annual conference and seminar. After a rather hurried preparation I left on the 22nd of December on my five week visit to the U,S.A. The first two weeks I spent with my friends Usha (daughter of Mrs. & Dr. F. Muliyil) and her husband Dr. Don Helm at Sacramento in California. Usha who is a candidate for the ministry in the Methodist Church is at the moment working to complete her M. Div. at the University at Berkly. I enjoyed the warm fellowship of the members of the Trinity Methodist Church, Sacramento where Usha and Don worship. They arranged many parties and get-togethers to meet some of the staff and international friends at the college.

At Atlanta, the office of the Haggai Institute arranged a full programme for me to meet people at schools, homes, followship groups and church services. I thoroughly enjoyed the followship and warm heartedness of the Christians at Atlanta. I shared the aims of the founders and the working of the National Missionary Society. They were surprised and appreciated the fact that we carry on our missionary work without help from the western countries. My pride could not be concealed as I refused many offers of help.

The conference for which I was invited was held on the 20th and 21st of January 1978 at one of the big hotels of Atlanta called 'Atlanta Hilton'. One hundred and seventy delegates registered, the biggest gathering so for. Some of the faculty and three of the alumni were present — Besides me, the other two were Rev. Godfrey Mulando of Zambia and Rev. Jose Nebab of Philippines. Everyone present testified to the fact that it was a time of great spiritual enrichment. There were talks, messages, panel discussion, personal testimonies and plans for future. I was asked to speak both at the seminar and at the Banquet on Saturday evening when over five hundred of the elite of Atlanta were present. As I sat and faced hundreds of men and women two things came to my mind very clearly one — the aim of the Christians all over the word — particularly the Haggai Institute and its friends — the proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ and the necessity for fulfilling the Great commission and two — that I stood there — called of the Lord — and I represented the National Missionary Society, the Church of South India and the congregation of St. John's Church, Bangalore. It was a great day in my life and I praised God for 'He set me with princes, even with the princes of His people.

The people showered their love on me. A young girl took her chain with a cross from her neck and tied it round mine and placed her ring on my finger. Experience of love such as these were far too many' As I look back on these five happy weeks, one thing crystalises very clearly in my mind. The love of God which manifested itself in Jesus Christ was seen on the cross. The love Jesus Christ manifested in people reaches us through His children all over the world. So, then how shall we serve such a God of love, who gave himself for us? As He said we will 'Go into the World and preach the Gospel to every Creature'.

Mrs. Grace Sathyaraj,
Bangalore-5.

OBITUARY

Regret to inform the Readers of N.M.S. Madras the untimely death of Mr. I. Martin Luther, No. 7, Rajavelu Mudaly Street, Royapuram, Madras-13 on 30—11—1977 at the Madras Harbour Hospital, Madras-1. His mortal remains was interned at the Kilpauk Cementary on 1—12—1977. He left behind his wife, two daughters and two sons. May his Soul Rest in Peace.

He was a member of the N.M.S. Royapuram Branch for a very long time. He was the brother-in-law of Rev. Sampath of Wesley Church, Royapettah, Madras-14.

The National Missionary Society of India

Madras City Area Committee Membership Campaign

The Membership Campaign of the Madras City Area Committee was inaugurated by Mr. G. D. Williams on the 26th Jan. 1978 in the Get-to-gether function at the Bentinck Girls High School In last year's membership campaign 500 new members were enrolled. Our target this year is 1000 new members. All the NMS members are requested to pray that the membership campaign this year may be a success. There are now about 2000 NMS members in the city of Madras and if each member gets another new member our target will be easily reached. 'Each one reach one' shall be our golden rule.

Mr. V. G. Williams,
President, M C.A.C.

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	Rs.	P.	Rs.	P.
Amount collected upto 16—1—78			9,716	36
(As per N.M.I. February 1978)				
Amount collected from 16—1—78 to 22—2—78				
1. Dr. C. W. Chacko (instalment)	100	00		
2. Dr. Mrs. Patience Manickam (instalment)	330	00		
3. Rev. K. G. S. Dorairaj (instalment)	100	00		
4. Mrs. Leela Yesudian (instalment)	100	00		
5. Mrs. A. Kuriyan (in memory of Mr. I. Kuriyan)	1,000	30		
6. Mrs. Samuel Daniel (instalment)	500	00		
7. Mr. V. G. Williams (instalment) (in memory of Rev. P. Vedanayagam)	100	00		
8. Mr. A. G. Paul (instalment)	50	00		
9. Mt. M. D. Selvaraj (instalment) (in memory of Mr. G. M. Duraisamy Nadar)	500	00		
			2,780	00
		Rs.	12,496	36

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PRAYER

O Loving God, who was pleased to reveal Thyself through Thy beloved Son, we thank Thee for the Easter assurances Lord be present in our midst as Thou hast been always present in the midst of Thy disciples and bless us with Thy companionship and communicate with us through the risen Lord, Thy son and our Saviour. Amen.

MEDITATION

"Because I live, you also will live" John 14 : 19

I wish all our readers that all the blessings and assurance of our resurrected Lord's presence be with them. May the Easter be a happy one.

Our Lord says in His last words to the disciples: 'Because I live you also will live'. It is a great assurance of His presence with His people to the end of ages,

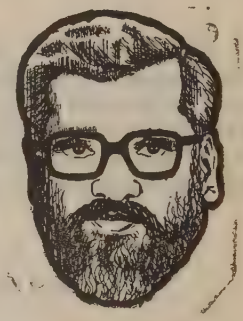
1. **He is not among the dead.** The women who went to embalm His body, found the empty grave. There it was made clear that death was swallowed up by victory. So the grave which is the place of death cannot contain Him. He is risen and he is not here. So death is not an end in itself, for those who believe in Him. It is a passing phase to higher life of fellowship with Him.

2. **He is ever with His people,** whether they are conscious of it or not. Luke very briefly puts in this way. "Forty days after His death, He appeared to them many times in ways that proved that He was alive". Mary recognised her Lord by His small voice calling her Mary. The disciples found Him in their midst. The faithful of the Church have experienced His presence in the midst of them all through the ages. He lives with His own.

Easter assures us of *our Lord's companionship*. The disciples on their way to Emmaus did not realise His presence with them,

but He was with them as a companion and friend and walked with them. God walked with man in the garden of Eden. He reveals His presence to His faithfuls in their times of crises and communicates to them.

So Easter brings us the assurance that death is not an end in itself, but a phase to pass through to the fellowship of our Living Lord's Companionship May this assurance be strengthened in us by this Easter.



General Secretary's deputation in the company of Mr. J. P. Ashwal and Mr. Paul Singh, Organising Secretaries of West India and North India respectively

Started on 8th February. I arrived in Bombay on the 9th Mr. Ashwal joined me and we visited the friends in Bombay on the 9th and 10th. 10th night we left for Poona and on the 11th we met our President, the Rt. Rev. I. P. Andrews.

Inspite of his busy programme, he gave us sometime to talk about the Society and he was kind enough to arrange a good programme for us. On the 11th, we had a public meeting at Christ Church. Though the attendance was not so much as expected because of marriages in different Churches, there were a good many present. The President, Bishop, made an earnest appeal for support to the Society and I addressed the meeting. Dr. Borge, presided over the meeting. On 12th, Sunday I preached at St. Paul's Church, St. Mathews Tamil Church and in Brother Desh Bande Memorial Church. In all the Churches the attendance was full. If things are followed up, it will yield good result.

J. P. Ashwal

We thank the Bishop of the Diocese, the Presbyters of the Churches for their kind co-operation and help. Thanks are due to Rev. and Mrs. David Rae, who have kindly given us lodging and hospitality. On the 13th forenoon we visited some other friends and returned to Bombay.

14th and 15th were spent in Bombay visiting friends.

15th night we left for Baroda. We stayed there from the 15th to the 20th and contactcd the Presbyters of the Methodist Church and CNI Church, both in Baroda and Ahmedabad, who have extended their co-operation to the Society. I am very grateful to Bishop Shaw, the Acting Bishop of the Area for kindly acquainting us during his tour in that area. Mr. Ashwal left me here to proceed to Rajasthan.

As I was advised not to proceed to Bihar as there had been some communal trouble, I felt it would be good to visit Kota, in Rajasthan.

Mr. Paul Singh met me on the 21st morning at Bhopal and we proceeded to Kota. From Bhopal we had to travel without reservation. The train was too crowded even to enter. I was almost pressed to death in entering the carriage. Again we had the same experience from Agra Cantt to Gwalior on our way to Jhansi. Rev. E. C. Antony, the Presbyter of CNI Church in Kota, who is an Executive Committee member extended to us as usual a warm welcome and helped us to visit friends. Some of them extended hospitality.

Mr. Paul Singh

Kota being very extensive and ever increasing in size being an industrial centre, it is a good centre for evangelistic work with an able evangelist. The present worker Rev. Padam Singhiji needs some direction, So he was directed to work under the direction of Rev. E. C. Antony, I preached in the Kota Church. After the services, we had a meeting with the members and formed a branch with the following officers:

Patron	...	Rev. E. C. Antony
President	...	Mr. P. K. Milton
Vice-President	...	Mrs. E. Jacob
Hony. Secretary	...	Mr. Biswas
Treasurer	...	Mr. Morris Singh

After Kota we visited Jhansi. We had a busy engagement to visit the centres of work. The branch which was very active had to be less active due to the local situation. We have con-

tacted people and requested them to do their utmost to help the Society. I also met the Area Secretary, Mr. Ebenezer, of the Friends Missionary Prayer Band and had discussions with him about the field.

I returned to Madras, while Mr. Paul Singh left for his home.

General Secretary

General Secretary's Letter

On behalf of the Society. I wish you all a Blessed Easter. May our Lord who rose from the dead to be with us always, be with you all and bless you so that your lives may be hidden with Christ in God.

Rev. K. J.S. Dorairaj

We are about to close another financial year 1977—78. Our living Lord, true to His promise had been with the Society in the last 72 years and 4 months, was with us during this year and guided us to fulfill the unique mission entrusted to us to preach the Gospel to the un-reached people "without soliciting any foreign fund," as an evangelical arm of the Churches in India. We thank Him, not forgetting all His benefits, in the task entrusted to us.

Our Kashmir work is progressing. Mr. Tahir Masih has led people to Christ, but Satan is also active in trying to obstruct his work. So also our Bihar worker, Mr. Asghar Hussain Wahdi faces problems. While the people are being made ready for baptism, he received threatening letters warning him that unless he stops doing work among the Muslims, the Muslim Organisations would rise against him and his work. So friends are requested to pray for this field and their workers so that the obstruction may be overcome and the believers may confess their Lord openly,

On behalf of the Society, I thank the Trivandrum Branch and Dindigul Branch for their regular support for Kashmir and Bihar project repectively.

Our Andamans workers Rev. & Mrs. Joseph Wilson returned to the main land in July '77 because of the family problems

which needed their presence. But their stay was extended due to the Triennial Conference followed by the killer cyclone which destroyed his village. He had to stay to reconstruct his thatched house. They sailed on 18th March to the field. Please up hold them in your prayers.

I thank the Bombay Branch and the Andhra Evangelical Lutheran Church for their financial support for this project. This project costs more. Because of the cost of living in Andamans and the expensive travel it costs at least Rs. 3000/- more per year. So I request the project supporters and friends to enhance their support to enable the Society to meet the full cost.

The other centres are progressing. It is reported that 10 families are being made ready for baptism at Nadanoor centre in Jawadhi Hills. Mr. Gnanamuthu, the experienced evangelist had taken ill and he was admitted in the CMC hospital at Vellore and is reported to be progressing Prayers are requested for him. When he rejoins the field, steps will be taken after duly examining the candidates for baptising them and receiving them in the Church. We hope and pray that the Vellore Diocese will involve themselves more and more in this field by supplying workers and necessary funds.

In Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat, after my visit, I felt it is necessary, to be true to our objects of co-operation, co ordination and avoiding duplication of expenses and labour to shift our area work. As the Friends Missionary Prayer Band works in the South of Gujarat, we feel it is necessary to open a centre either in the Northern part or in the Sourashtrian part of Gujarat, in an un-reached place.

In Madhya Pradesh, we worked for the last 10 years on the Western part of Jhansi with a radius of 25 miles. There had been 10 converts. It is a difficult field. We thank God we were able to bear fruit in that barren land. Since the Friends Missionary Prayer Band has entered the field five years ago and have stationed workers in certain parts of this area, to avoid competition, clash and financial and personal duplication, I felt it would be good if we move to the Eastern side of Jhansi. These will be discussed in the ensuing Standing Committee and the decision will be made. The standing has approved the same.

As I have already written in my letter in the January issue of the NMI, about the Triennial Council, and appealed for enhanced support, which was repeated by the Treasurer, I have

to state that as we are reviewing the Income and Expenditure, we are really shocked to find that except two areas, all the 14 areas have fallen short of the anticipated income which was budgeted before the decision of the Council to give 10% adhoc increase in the salary of our workers from 1.4.77. The Council was full of enthusiasm and was pressing for a decision, but how can the head quarters fulfil the obligation of the resolution without enhancement of contribution from the areas? So I make an *urgent* appeal to the friends and Area Committees to do their utmost to raise, if not 25%, at least 10% for this year.

Many a criticism has been passed at the function of the Head Quarters office. In 1905, the office had one Steno and one Accountant and two peons. One more clerk was added about an year ago but the work load in the office is rather heavy because of the increased number of fields, increased number of supports as individuals and Churches. So there is urgent need to increase the staff at the head quarters by at least one Steno, one Clerk and one peon which needs at least Rs. 1000/- per month and also the equipment for these additional staff, such as furniture, one typewriter, etc. So unless we get enough funds the members can see we cannot implement the resolution of the Council and run the H.Q. office to the satisfaction of all.

The revision of scales of pay for workers had to be detained for we have no sources to apply to. It is only God to whom we can ask, as we have done always and to the friends and supporters. So friends are requested *to pray* that the contribution may be raised to fulfill the obligations of the resolutions of the Council. As I have already appealed we need at least 25% increase from every contributor to have the decision of the Council implimented and to have the additional staff and office equipment. Friends are requested to pray.

Once again I wish you a very Happy Easter.

With prayers,

Yours sincerely in Him,

K. G. S. Dorairaj

General Secretary

THE MARAMON CONVENTION

The Maramon Convention is said to be the biggest Christian convention in the world. As usual the 83rd Maramon Convention was held at the beautiful river bed of Pampa from February 12th to 19th. This year, apart from the Metropolitan and Bishops of the Marthoma Church, the distinguished speakers were, The Rt. Rev. Dr. Paul Moor (New York), Rev. Phillip Hawkins (England) and Rev. Dr. Devasahayam (Calcutta). Although this convention is conducted under the auspicious of the Marthoma Church, the biggest crowd who come to hear the messages are from the various Christian denominations and religions of Kerala, Tamilnadu and other places of India.

K. Chandy

The inaugural meeting was started with the singing of songs by the Convention Choir and the Prayer by the Metropolitan on Sunday the 12th February at 2 p.m. The speaker of the day was Bishop Paul Moor. About fifty thousand people men and women attended the first service of the convention. The pandal was large enough to hold about seventy five thousand people. There was public meetings at 10 a.m., 2.30 p.m and night meetings at 7 p.m. throughout the week. Only men were allowed to attend the night meetings. Special meetings as usual were arranged for children at 7 a.m. at the neighbourhood Churches conducted by the C.S.S.M. There were Bible classes for ladies conducted by Mrs. Paul Moor and Mrs. Hawkins. Also there were morning devotions meant for evangelists, Pastors and other Christian workers, who stayed at the Campus.

There were stalls of various organisations of the Marthoma Church and stalls of other inter-denominational organisations like NMS, Every Home Crusade and Bible Society, etc. A stall for counselling, the one for youths were this year a special feature.

This year NMS was accommodated along with the outside Kerala Missions Stall. A good number of people who are interested in the Mission work and NMS, visited the stall. Some of the Posters we kept there, were very useful for them to know the steady growth of our mission fields. Very gladly people

accepted our leaflets. Our sisters, **Miss Sarammal George and** Mrs. Victorial, who came from Jawadhi Mission were helpful in making contacts among ladies. During the Missionary meeting held on Saturday afternoon, NMS Organising Secretary was given a chance to present NMS for a few minutes. Our heartfelt thanks are due to the authorities concerned. It was a golden opportunity to contact old and and new NMS friends.

ss Sarammal George

Mrs. Victorial

The messages were all very effective. While Bishop Moor in his messages emphasised the social aspects of the Gospel, Dr. Devasahayamani's messages were to emphasise the spiritual aspects and Dr. Hawkins made emphasis on Biblical teachings.

The offerings were taken only five times altogether. More than one and a half lakhs of rupees were collected during these meetings. Inspite of a very large crowd throughout the week, the beauty was, that no police officers help was sought for the good running of these meetings, Everything went on very well. Many have found new joy and happiness in their lives and ever so many others. rededicated their lives for the service of the Master.

By the closing prayer and benediction of the Metropolitan, this year's convention came to an end.

K. Chandy

Organising Secretary

Field Reports and Requests for Prayers

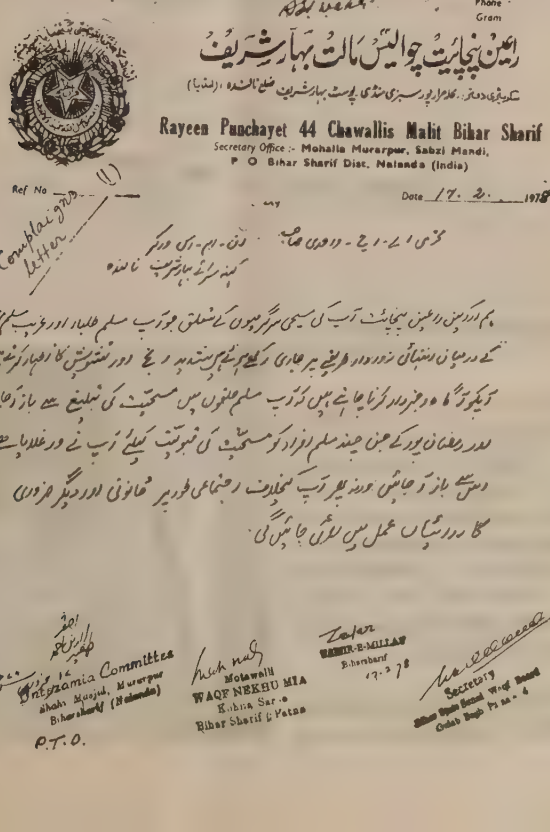
Kashmir :

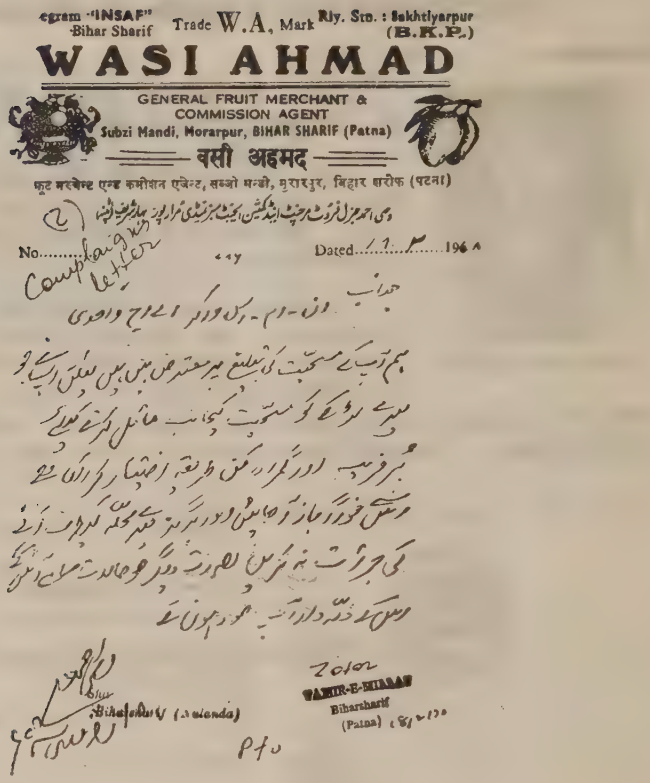
Mr. Tahir Masih

Rev. Yonathan Paljor, the Presbyter of All Saints Church, Srinagar reports :

Mr. Tahir Masih has just returned from his evangelistic tour as he always does. He has led another young man to the Saviour.

Members are informed that there are problems to the Church as well as to the believers to accept them by baptism. So the NMS has come to a stage when it is difficult to deal with a problem like this in predominantly Muslim state. Muslims are aware of this they resent and

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Complaining letter

Bihar Sharif (Nalanda)

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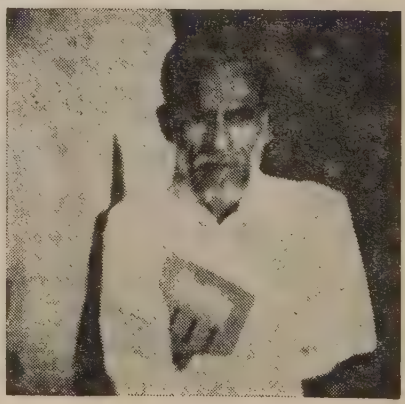
Bihar :

Mr. Asghar Hussain Wahdi writes that:



Because of serious communal disturbances, I telegraphed that the General Secretary's visit might be postponed. Although the situation is not very serious now, still the condition is not satisfactory. Both Hindus and Muslims are very anxious about ensuing dangerous festival of 'Holi'.

Great oppositions are being raised against evangelistic work

at Ramzanpur and Bihar Sheriff by the Muslims and Muslim Society. I am receiving warning letters daily. (We have received two warning letters from Rayeen Panchayat, Bihar Sheriff and the other from the signatories of the first letter.

Mr. Wahdi also writes: "While distributing tract at Dur Sare, among the backward people, a communist leader accused me of creating communal and religious trouble and complained to the police. I gave a written declaration to the thana incharge that I am a preacher and evangelist, distributing tracts like this (gave a tract for the salvation of these people. Mr. Y. K. Singh (C.I.D) came to Thana and gave his report in detail about myself, my work and my character. The communist leader was disgraced. The officer in Charge, Mr. S. P Sinha, was very much pleased with me and accepted the Bible I offered.

Prayer is requested for the C.I.D Inspector, Mr. S P. Sinha, since he is studying the Bible—that the Lord may open his mind to accept Jesus as his Lord and Saviour.

Translation of the Urdu Letter from the Rayeen Panchayet

We the member of the Rayeen Panchayet committee proclamating with much concern and grief, want to warn you concerning your Christian Evangelistic services among our Muslim people. Better for you to cease your Christian activities. We were informed that you have been deceiving the Ramzarpur Muslims to accept Christianity. We urge you to stop your activities, otherwise we will do something for the safety of our religion against you.

Jawadhi Hills: Rev. Paul Sanjeevi, the Missionary in charge, writes that he had visited all the centres and he visited Nadanoor and arranged for Mr. Nithyanadam to look after the field in the absence of Mr. Gnanamuthu who is admitted in the CMC hospital, Vellore. He also contacted some of the enquirers who ought to be baptised. He also writes about the Roman Catholic reinforement of the work and also free distribution of materials to the tribals. *Mrs. Santha Sanjeevi* writes that she visited the villages with Esther Robertson and contracted the women. The women are eager to hear the gospel, but the tribal restrictions keep them from accepting Christ. She requests prayers for these tribal women folk.

Athipet: Mr. P. Rajian reported that Mr. Perumal Gaundar of Suithalur heard the Gospel with interest on 14-2-78 and the workers joined Gospel work at Athipet and prayered together for our work. The enquirers, Miss Chinnakumari and Miss Kamala are growing in grace and becoming strong in their faith, They have learned tailoring in the local tailoring training centre. They know to read and write. It is difficult to find literates among the tribal Christian group. They need better training. Prayer is requested for these two girls.

Jamnamarthur : Mrs. Esther Robertson and Mrs. Santha Sanjeevi write that they visit regularly the villages and contact mostly women. They are happy to hear the Gospel, but their fear of tribal restriction prohibits them from accepting the Lord and Saviour

One village headman with burden and grief said that if they were to accept Christ, they had to leave their bad way of life, but that cannot be. This situation shows the mind of the tribal people.

Mr. J. Paulian writes that he visits the villages and the people hear the Gospel with happiness, and they worship Jesus secretly, Prayers are requested for these secret Christians that they may come openly and confess Jesus as their Lord and Saviour.

Kalyanamanthai: Mr. N. Victor reports that they had Watch night service on 31st Dec. 1977. A few of the Good News club children attended the same. After explanation they were asked to share their experience in the passing year. Some confessed that they were not right with God and one girl even wept saying that she was disobedient. One Annamalai of Vannakottai said that though their enemies were against them, the Lord was with them and helped them throughout the year. He was regular to the meetings and was growing strong in faith in the Lord. Now he says that his gods are troubling him asking for sacrifices. He is still strong in faith. Prayers are requested for Annamalai and his wife, Seetha.

Gundalathur: Mr. James Meyyan reports of his attempt to tell about Jesus to the Indian Bank employees. The Manager eagerly heard the Gospel. He needs a Tamil Bible to study. He asked them to meet every Friday.

Mr. Loganathan, the Head Master of the Panchayat Union Elementary School of Thakkamandher met us in the NMS house at Jamnamarthur and heard the Gospel and also heard about the resurrection of our Lord. He assured us that he would seriously think about the same.

Prayers are requested for the two mentioned above.

Veerappanur: Mr. Vetharaj Daniel, reports that due to the harvest season, the people were busy in harvest of their fields and in cooly work to others. So the people could not be contacted, but Good News Club and Night School are conducted regularly with good attendance.

Mr. Jacob Andi, had trouble with his children and request prayers.

Mrs. Madurabai Victor, reports that their work is progressive and the ladies and young girls are interested in the Gospel. They are regular to the service meetings. The work is done mostly by personal contacts. Prayers are requested for these young girls.

Nadanoor: We are sorry to report that Mr. S. Gnanamuthu our senior evangelist, was taken ill and was admitted into the CMC hospital, Vellore, and he is reported to be improving. Prayers are requested for him.

Miss Sarammal George and Mrs. Y. Victorial. The report on Maramon Convention appears elsewhere. Both the ladies were deputed for Maramon Convention, They worked among the women explaining about our work,

Nadanoor: Mr. Nithyyandandam writes, because of Mr. Gnanamuthu's illness he was looking after Nadanoor work. He says the people do know about Christ to some extent and and one man by name Periyar Raiyan, told him that in his difficulties and problems he looked up to Christ and He helped. So he as far as possible testifies to his hill tribe people about Jesus and His work in his life.

Alleri: Mr. Jeyaraj Samuel and Mr. G. A. Raju report that their work is progressing and the people are friendly. Some people want to study the scriptures. One Pillayan is hearing the Gospel with great interest. Friends are requested to pray

that his faith may grow and embolden him to accept Christ. Friends are requested to pray for one person Iyaswami, who was not well, but the Lord heard his prayers and he realises that Jesus healed him, to grow strong in faith. Another person Chinniah, is also growing in belief in Jesus. Prayers are also requested for him.

Sikkim: Mr. V. T. Abraham reports that the climate was very cold and they had snow falls which was a new experience for him. They did not know they had to warm their feet by dipping in salt water. Now they have learnt. By God's grace they contact people. Because of the absence of the Presbyter, on leave from Gangtog, he was called down to conduct the funeral service for a Christian young man. He availed himself of the opportunity to preach to the people who gathered there, Hindus and others, about the resurrection of our Lord. We are sorry to hear that his son Daniel was ill and he was admitted in the hospital and he has to undergo an operation. Friends are requested to pray for him.

Nepal: Mr. Lal Bahadur Rana reports:

I left Butwal on the 21st Feb. and reached Waking which is 110 k.m. from Butwal towards Pokhra and proceedeed to Kwakmi Village and staved over night there. The next day the 23rd, I visited Manja Village and preached. The people did not know about Salvation and who is Jesus Christ. I told them about the pooja and Bali While I was speaking to them, they turned and listened carefully and prayed with me.

On the 25th, I went to Pampi Village which in on the east of Manja and preached. I met a few new believers I started my talk with Jn. 1 : 1 mainly about the word became flesh and the light of the world. I had a chance to tell about the old nature and the new life and about Salvation. During my talk, I touched our own custom and method and pointed God's plan and method.

On the 26th, I reached the village known as Girekote and did the same next day. I returned to Kwakmie and proceeded to Demga Chapa village and did the Gospel work.

On 3rd March I returned to Mangalapur. Certain places had heard the Gospel, but they could not understand it fully. I distributed tracts to them.

Please pray for them and myself."

Report from the Organisling Secretaries

Mr. Paul Singh, Organising Secretary for North India, reports that in December, he went on leave to attend to his son who was sick. He availed himself of the opportunity to contact people. The Kerala Methodist Church Pastor allowed him to preach in his Church which gave him a chance to contact people and the Pastor appealed to his congregation to support the Society. He attended the Bible Society meeting at Allahabad and contacted friends. He visited Jabalpur in January, and attended a meeting and contacted people. In February, he was with the General Secretary in his tour in his area in visiting Rajasthan and Jhansi. During the days in between the trip and during the trip he was writing and reminding the contributors.

Mr. J. P. Ashwal, Organising Secretary for West India joined the General Secretary in his tour in Bombay and was with him till 20th February, visiting Poona, Bombay and Ahmedabad. On the 20th February, he left the General Secretary and returned to his station. He is on tour in Belgaum and other adjoining parts of Karnataka and on his way back he will visit Goa.

Mr. K. Chandy, Organising Secretary for Kerala, has given a detailed report about the Maramon Convention which appears elsewhere. He has toured parts of Kerala. While he was on leave in Bombay he contacted Malayalam friends in Bombay with the help of his brother and collected contributions for the Society.

Please pray for:

1. Nadanoor Evangelist, Mr. S. Gnanamuthu, who was taken ill and treated in the hospital.

2. Mr. Tahir Masih, our Kashmir Evangelist, who is used by God to lead people to Christ. There are problems connected with baptisms. Prayers are requested for him and that God may open a way to solve the problems to receive the enquirers into the Church, and for those who are baptised, may by His grace, grow strong in their faith.

3. Mr. Asghar Hussain Wahdi, our Bihar worker, who was not only threatened by letters, but also taken to the police station on complaints and a court case is filed against him by

an enquirer's father, that he has caused communal unrest among the people. Friends are requested to pray that one who up-held him to bear witness inspite of many a trouble, may up-hold him even in the court.

4. The Standing Committee held on 29-3-78, have agreed with the proposal of the Mission Institute of T.T.S. to co-operate with the NMS and to run a Trainees Centre at Thongumalai by giving financial support to the students sent by them as per NMS Scale. Members are requested to pray for Mr. I. Arumainayagam who would be the leader of the Centre.

5. Members are requested to remember the need for a nurse to work in Jawadhi and also experienced evangelists who would work in Jawadhi.

6. Members are requested to pray that we may end the year without deficit and pray for the branches and friends to help the Society by enhancing support.

WANTED

1. Two Organising Secretaries for Tamil Nadu, and one Organising Secretary for West India, covering part of U P., M.P. Rajasthan and Gujarat. Clergy and laymen with Theological Training are eligible. The applicants if working with an organisation or church, are required to send their applications through the Heads. The applications should be accompanied with a recommendation letter. The Scale of pay as per the present Scale: Rs. 220/-, Emergency allowance Rs. 35/- for married persons and bachelors Rs. 25/- Organising Secretaries special Allowance Rs, 50/- and Actual expenses in travelling (Permitted to travel in II class in train)

2. Two Senior experienced Evangelists for Jawadhi Hills. Pay Rs. 165/-, Emergency allowance Rs. 35/- Local Travel Rs. 5-15 as per the station and free house will be provided. The applicants are required to send their applications through the local Pastor or the person under whom they work. Committed Persons with Experience between 40-50 required.

3. One A. N. S. Nurse. The Scale of Pay as an evangelist is Rs. 165 + E. D. A. = 25 + Local travel.....as per station Rs. 5-15.

Additions to the contributions from 1—10—1977 to 31—12—1977

South Tamil Areas :

Thro. Mr. S. Solomon Rajayya :

Mr. K. Jeyaraj	10	00
,, Arokiaswamy	2	00
,, S. Justus	40	00
Miss Alice Arulprakasam	24	00
Rev. M. Rajaian	10	00
Thro. Mr. S. J. Abraham	10	00
Mrs. Lily Abraham	2	00
Miss Kiruba Abraham	1	00
Master Jayakumar	1	00
Selvi Baulina	1	00
Mr. Martin Selvaraj	5	00
,, S. Clifford	50	00
,, Edward Devavaram	10	00
,, Y. Gnanasikamony	10	00
Miss J. Appadurai	40	00
Mrs. D. Epiphenus	10	00
Mr. R. Jason Jeyaraj	5	00
,, D. L. Sundararaj	30	00
,, R. J. Chritian	30	00
Mrs. Lily Lazarus	12	00
Mr. D. P. Singaram	10	00
,, John Jeyaseelan	5	00
,, S. J. Samuel	10	00
,, V. Samuel	25	00
Dr. A. Samuel	25	00
Rev. P. Muthunayagam	10	00
Mr, Frederiek Samuel	5	00
,, P. Vedanayagam	49	30
	442	30

Bangalore Branch :

Thro. Mrs. Grace Sathyaraj :

Bangalore from Aug. 77 to Dec. 77

Home Missionary Society	150	00
Mrs. Vatsala Sabastian	60	00
,, Grace Sathyaraj	100	00
,, Vijaya Prasad	40	00
Mr. Don Grant	25	00
Thro. Mrs. Lucas	80	00
Mr. Gunaratnam	5	00
Thro' Mrs. Marlam	54	00
Mrs. S. Athyal	12	00
Mr. Manual	20	00
	546	00

Errata in NMI Feb. 78

Calicut :

N.M.S. Branch collection	150	88
Rev. John John	10	00
Dr. N. G. Mani	10	00
N.M.S. Sunday Collection	24	51
St. Mary's Church Sunday collection for N.M.S.	198	61
President & members of Bethannia Committee	25	00
	419	00
Christmas Cheer from 'Jyothis' Calicnt	100	00

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Dr Patience Manickam, Madras (3rd & final instalment)	400	00
Mrs. Leela Yesudian, Madras, (4th and 5th instalments)	200	00
Dr Mrs Helen Mathews, Madras (1st instalment)	250	00
M Dinakar evaraj, Madras (1st instament)	10	00
Mr m John New Delhi (1st instalment)	25	00
Mrs. Margaret Helen, Madras (1st instalment)	150	00
Dr. Mrs. A S Thambiah in memory of Dr. Thambiah	2000	00
Dr. M Santhosham, Madras (1st instalment)	100	00
Mr. Paul Jeyaraj	100	00
Interest on Fixed Deposit	60	00
	3,395	00
Amount already received as per March '78 NMI	12,496	36
Total	15,891	36

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PRAYER

O God, our Father who was pleased to raise Thy son from the dead to give us a new life and hope, grant us in Thy Son a new life which is hidden with Christ in Thee through Jesus who died and was risen. Amen.

MEDITATION

Col. 3 : 1-4

> *"You have been raised to life with Christ, so set your hearts on the things that are in heaven, where Christ sits on his throne at the right-hand side of God. Keep your minds fixed on things there, not on things here on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. Your real life is Christ and when he appears, then you too will appear with him and share his glory !"*

In these verses St. Paul tries to explain the effect of resurrection in the individual life and in the Christian Community by the baptism rite and the meaning of the same.

1. Resurrection gives *"a New Life"*.

The Christian has been made to share in the death of Christ and in the newness of life in Him. Col. 2 : 12 He has already referred to the Christians buried with Christ in Baptism and are raised to new life in Him through faith. If we are risen with Christ, we have a new life which "is hidden with Christ in God". II Corin. 5 : 17 "When anyone is joined to Christ, he is a new being; the old is gone, the new has come."

2. Resurrection gives us *"New set of Values"*.

The Christian who is raised with Christ values things different from the worldly man, since the Christian sets his mind fixed on things that are with Christ and values with a spiritual insight. I Cor. 2 : 14-15 He does not value things as others "not in Christ.

3. Resurrection gives us a "*New Hope*" of future.

The people usually view death as an end, but the resurrection of our Lord Jesus, has assured us that there is life after death in fellowship with Him, for those that are in Him and die in the Lord. So this life is a preparation for the life after death. John 11:25-26 "I am the resurrection and the life whoever believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die."

So the resurrection of our Lord Jesus gives a new life which makes us to value things spiritually and to have a new hope for the future. Have we experienced these? If we have experienced these, then our life is hid with Christ in God and fulfil the hope of our Lord.

"You are my witnesses"

FELICITATIONS.

The Rt. Rev. Jacob Jayaseelan, Bishop of Tranquebar.

Tamil Evangelical Lutheran Church.

We are happy to inform our readers that the Rev. Jacob Jayaseelan was consecrated as the Bishop of Tranquebar, at Tranquebar on 14th January 1978. On behalf of the NMS of India we welcome him as the Bishop of the T.E.L. Church and wish him all success in his episcopal ministry. We pray that God may endow him with all the spiritual gifts necessary for the episcopal ministry.

He was one of our executive committee members during the last triennium, represented by T. E. L. C. for the Rewa Mission.

The T. E. L. C. was our earliest partner in the Gospel by giving us missionaries and financial support. We hope that under his leadership we can have the same cooperation in spreading the gospel to the unreached millions in our motherland.

We assure him of our continued prayers.

The Rt. Rev. J. Sam Ponniah, the first Bishop in Vellore Diocese of the Church of South India.

We are very happy to inform our readers that the Rev. J. Sam Ponniah was consecrated as the first bishop of Vellore of the Church of South India on 8th April 1978 in a solemn service at the Central Church, Vellore conducted by the moderator the Most Rev. N. D. Anandarao Samuel. The Church was packed to the full by the members of the diocese, visitors and guests.

We welcome him and wish him all success in his episcopal ministry. We pray that God who called him to this ministry may endow him with all the spiritual gifts to fulfil episcopal ministry entrusted to him.

A section of the Jawadhi Hills field comes within the limits of Vellore diocese. The Vellore congregations as a whole and St. John's Church at the Fort had evinced keen interest and extended support for Nadanur work and the work in the hills. We hope that under the new Bishop, who comes with much experience in the rural work among the backward people, the interest will grow more and more.

The Vellore Diocese also invited the NMS to have its Triennial last year and extended their kind hospitality. With their help we also had our Diamond Jubilee. We hope that the same co-operation and fellowship will continue under his leadership.

We assure him of our continued prayers.

EDITORIAL

For sometime we had been publishing in parts in different issues the statement of the founders of the National Missionary Society of India which gives us an idea of the objects, nature and the working of the Society for the last 73 years. As I read through them I find that there are some unique characteristics of the Society that makes the Society different from others, and at the same time helps to co-operate with the Church and other missionary Societies. I feel that in our motherland with various diverse characteristic such as regional, linguistic and cultural and the tensions with the competition between the denominations and the lack of unity which marred the preaching of the Gospel, God in his own time, through his own faithful ones, formed the national movement to bring unity to the diverse nation and the divided Church. So there is a great mission which is national in character for the Society.

Secondly, the Society is governed by Christian representatives from different states and different Churches of our country which gives true national colour. And also the Society draw its workers without distinction of region, culture or denomis nation or language from all over Bharat.

It is indigenous. The founders had definitely said that they were finding no new denomination, but preserving the strongest loyalty to the Churches; soliciting no funds outside of India,

but laying the burden for India's evangelisation upon her own sons. We believe the Society is organised on a sound and safe basis.

The Society has to work in close co-operation with the Church, building strongest loyalty to the individual's Church. So the Society has been carrying on faithfully these unique characters, extending always co-operation to other missionary Societies whether indigenous or foreign.

As it was once mentioned the NMS is in a transitional stage. It is necessary for us to remind the members the nature, character and the objects of the Society, so we publish in this issue the first Constitution the founders made and dedicated on Henry Martin Pagoda at Serampur College on 25th December, 1905.

The First Constitution dedicated at Henry Martin Pagoda on 25th December, 1905.

I NAME

The Society shall be called "*The National Missionary Society of India*"

II OBJECT

The object of the Society shall be to evangelise unoccupied fields in India and adjacent countries, and to lay on Indian Christians the burden of responsibility for the evangelization of their own country and neighbouring lands.

III MEMBERSHIP

All Indian Christians who contribute annually to the support of the Society and agree to pray for its work shall be members.

All others in sympathy with the object of the Society and contributing to its support shall be honorary members.

IV ORGANIZATION

1. The affairs of the Society shall be under the direction of a Council, composed as follows:—

a) Four Indian Christians representing each province elected by the members of the Society in that province.

b) One Indian Christian appointed by each of the larger organized bodies of Christians in each province.

2. An Executive Committee shall be appointed by the Council consisting of fifteen members—one member representing each province, and the rest residing in or near the executive centre. They shall meet regularly to transact business and to carry out the policy of the Society. They shall have power to appoint annually, if necessary, three additional local members to serve with them.

3. An Advisory Board of experienced European workers representing the various Foreign Missionary Societies shall be appointed by the Executive, who may be called upon for advice regarding the affairs of the Society. The Advisory Board shall appoint three of their number residing at or near the executive centre to serve on the Council and Executive Committee.

V OFFICERS

The officers of the Society shall be a President, Vice-Presidents, Treasurer and Secretaries, elected annually by the Executive Committee from among the members of the Society.

1. The president or one of the Vice-Presidents shall ordinarily preside at the general meetings of the Society Council.

2. The General Secretary shall conduct the affairs of the Society under the direction of the Executive Committee.

3 The Treasurer shall receive and disburse all the funds of the Society subject to the direction of the Executive Committee.

4. As need arises, Provincial and other Secretaries shall be appointed by the Executive Committee.

5. The President, the General Secretary and the Treasurer shall be ex-officio members of the Council and the Executive Committee.

VI ELECTIONS

The Executive shall appoint annually five members of the Society, one of whom shall be the General Secretary, as a Nominating Committee, who shall make nominations for the Council and Executive. Other nominations may be made, if desired, by the members of the Society.

VII AUDITORS

The Accounts of the Society shall be audited annually by an auditor or auditors appointed by the Executive Committee.

VIII POLICY

1. The Society shall appoint only spiritual men as workers.
2. Each member and worker of the Society shall be loyal to his own church.
3. The Society shall endeavour not to conflict but work in harmony with existing missionary societies.
4. There shall be no solicitation of funds outside of India.

IX AMENDMENTS

None of the articles of the Constitution shall be altered or amended except by a three-fourths vote of the members of both the Executive and the Council.

* The provinces shall be arranged in the following groups :-

1) The Punjab and the North-West Frontier Province.
2) The United Provinces of Aga and Oudh.
3) Bengal and Assam.
4) Rajputana, Central India, Central Provinces and the neighbouring Native States.
5) Bombay Presidency and the Native States.
6) Madras, Hyderabad and the neighbouring States.
7) Burmah.
8) Ceylon.

NEWS FROM BRANCHES

High Range Branch Munnar :

Mr. A. Sobanam who was working at the Munnar Head Quarters office for the last 36 years retired from service.

He also helped the National Missionary Society of India for the last 25 years as Treasurer and Secretary of the branch. This shows his leadership and dedication to our Lord's task.

Munnar Branch is one of the oldest existing branches. Mr. Sobanam by his tireless efforts kept the torch of NMS burning, while the General NMS had its ups and downs and many of the old friends lost interest and old branches became defunct, He had left an endowment of Rs. 1,000/-., the interest of which is used for Gospel work.

We will be losing his help and leadership in Munnar, but he will surely help us in the area where he settles down.

In Mr. Sobanam's place Mr. G. Vincent who had been associated with the branch for long was unanimously elected as the Secretary.

While we are thankful to Mr. A. Sobanam for his undiminished interest and service to the Society, we wish Mr. G. Vincent all success. We assure both of them our prayers and cooperation.

One More Area Committee :

The South Karnataka Area Committee, was inaugurated at Parpale Christa Sewake Ashram, Karkada, on May 2nd, by the Rt. Rev. S. R. Furtado.

Members are requested to pray for the same.

Sikkim :

Our Evangelists Mr. & Mrs. Abraham report that they do as usual house visiting, hospital visiting and tract distribution.

Mr. Abraham has a Gospel tour visiting old stations in Nepal, Bhairahusa, Butwal, Tansen, Hetanda and Raxaul. In Sikkim he and his wife visited Sington. They met a lady suffering from cancer. Mrs. Abraham preached to the people who gathered there and prayed for the sick lady. They also visited Packyong and took part in the funeral service of an old lady believer.

Both Mr. & Mrs. Abraham visited Phensong in North Sikkim, an unreached place. This place is 39 K. M. away from Gangtok. Bhotias and Lepchas tribes are staying here.

There are few Christians living here, but they do not gather for fellowship or for worship. So after talking to them, we advised them to gather for fellowship and worship regularly. They offered salt tea, since sugar is not available there. Please pray for these scattered stray Christians.

We have started a Malayalam service for the sake of Malayalam speaking people, who could not attend service with the local people because of the language. We hope to have Malayalam service in first and third Sundays.

Reports from fields and requests for Prayers

BIHAR SHARIFF :

In the last issue we have reported that Mr. A. H. Wahdi was receiving some threatening letters. Now the opposition has gone a step further in filing a suit asking him to show cause under USU/S 107 CER PC (16). He writes as follows :

1. Tracts and literature distribution is very easy work here in this area. But to contact people to preach the Gospel and to inspire them for eternal life is a very difficult task in this Muslim Area. This is a big challenge for me here which I will face and for this I will change my present residence for safety of my family.

2. I have to submit the show cause notice received from the court through the local police for the case filed by Mr. Wasi Ahmed, Murarpur. His son believed in Christ and was ready to be baptised. Now he left his father's home and he is still to be traced. God willing, the case will be taken up at the end of this month. The Lawyer is going to submit the show cause on 12-4-78.

3. Regarding my work in Bihar Shariff, I am sure that the day is coming near to me when I will do the work of my Lord freely in this area.

Friends are requested to pray for Mr. Wahdi and his family. He is advised to change the place of his residence in view of the situation.

KASHMIR :

Mr. Tahir Masih, as usual does his Gospel tour to the villages and reporting back to the Church at Srinagar. Though he faces much opposition he goes on after his Master's errand. Here is a personal letter from one of the enquirers :

"How I am a Christian"

My name is Mymoona and I belong to a staunch muslim family. I live in Srinagar. I was a matric student when one day a Christian preacher came to our school to distribute christian

literature among the students. I bought some books from the man whose name was Tahir Masih, but I failed to understand them. He had promised to come again to answer our problems, He came one day and I posed my problem to the man. He tried to make me understand the essence of christian truth. I became interested in christianity and wished to see the man again and again. I came to understand that through Moses the law was given to us and that the grace of God was revealed to us through Jesus Christ. He purchased salvation for us with his blood sacrifice. I am really a Christian, and may God keep me in the faith to the end of my life by the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

by Mymoona

He also reports one of the early converts, Mr. Mansur Masih, is prohibited from attending service, and requests prayer for him. God has opened a way among the Muslims who are difficult to approach. The Society has come to a stage about finding ways and means to help the enquirers, who face much persecution. Friends are requested to pray.

Another New Branch :

Rev. Paul Das, the Hony. Associate Secretary, for North India, reports that he visited Lucknow and Meerut, and would form a branch soon.

We are sorry to hear that Rev. Paul Das had an accident and fractured both the front bones above the left leg ankle, and he is now under plaster. He has to be in that condition for two months. Prayers are requested for him.

Mr. Solomon Rajiah, Hony. Treasurer for South Tamil Nadu Area reports that he visited Pathikotai, Thiruthraipundi, and Thiruvarur and preached in the Churches and contacted members. We are thankful to him for his services.

Jawadhi Hills : The Missionary, Rev. Paul Sanjeevi, reported that he visited the centres and saw that regular work is being carried on. Mrs. Esther Robertson and Mrs. Shantha Sanjeevi, visit the villages regularly and contacts the people and give medical aid to the needy.

Kalyanamandhi : Mr. & Mrs. Victor report of having Ash Wednesday service and Friday lenten services for the people. One Mr. Annamalai is under-going some trials. As he grows in faith, his wife left him and because of her regular visits she shows some interest in Christianity and attends Church service. Their daughter She lin is not well for a long time and they request prayer for her. Prayers are also requested for Annamalai and his wife and Cheetha.

Athipet: Mr. P. Rajian reports that they conduct meetings at night in villages, people attend because it is their leisure time, and these meetings are useful. They pray for the sick. He has requested prayers for Chinakani, Kamala and the students who attend the night school.

Jhansi: Rev. Edwin Sherring as reported in our last issue had taken survey of the area on the Eastern side of Babina. The area contains 16 villages within a radius of 15 miles from Babina and the population is 730 people with only one Christian family. This area also has 14 primary schools, 5 junior schools and a High school. It is a completely unreached place and we started work in that area. Members are requested to pray for this work and for Rev. Edwin Sherring.

Nadanoor: Mr. Gnanamuthu, our evangelist had been seriously ill and was admitted in the hospital, Vellore. Thanks be to God that he had improved and was discharged. He is advised to take medical rest for a month, so he is on leave. During that time Mr. S. Nithyanandam from Thongumalai and Mr. G. A. Raju from Alleri were directed to be in charge of the work. Rev. Paul Sanjeevi had visited the centre and saw regular work was going on and he met some of the enquirers. He also met some of the enquirers in the divine service held at Nadanoor.

Mrs. Victorial, the Bible woman and Miss Sarammal George, report of regular visits to the villages, doing both medical and Bible woman work. Please pray for Mr. S. Gnanamuthu, the enquirers and the workers.

Alleri: Mr. Jeyaraj Samuel and Mr. G. A. Raju report that the people are beginning to respond and show interest in the Gospel. They say there is an improvement in the attitude of the people. It is a very lonely place. It would be a great help if a nurse could be posted to give medical help to the tribal people in this inaccessible centre. Friends are requested to pray that we may get a nurse and also the financial support for her.

Thongumalai: We are very glad to report that the Tamilnadu Theological Seminary have volunteered to run a missionary training centre at Thongumalai, under the leadership of Mr. I. Arumainayagam, our worker there. The Standing Committee welcomed the same, as Rev. Sonny Yesudian, the Dean of Missions, Tamilnadu Theological Seminary, explained the scheme. Friends are requested to pray for this new venture. We thank the TTS authorities for their co-operation.

Veerapanoor: The work goes on as usual. Mr. A. Diraviam who worked in the centre and now is in the Tamilnadu Theological Seminary, is directed to spend his summer holidays in this centre, and work with Mr. Vedaraj Daniel and Mr. Paulian. There is an urgent need for a workers house with a wall to start with for a high school and worship. Mr. Jacob Andi, has some trouble with his own son. For Christ he has to lose everything. He is strong in faith, inspite of the trouble. Friends are requested to pray for him.

OBITUARY

1. We regret to inform the readers that Rev. K. S. Abraham, Regional Secretary for the Friends Missionary Prayer Band died on 5-4-78. The funeral was attended by the Hony. Associate General Secretary, the Prayer meeting by the General Secretary of the NMS. We pray that God be with Mrs. Abraham and children, guide and protect them and console them. We pray that our departed brother may have the eternal joy as a reward for his services.

2. We regret to inform the friends of NMS that Mr. Rajamani passed away on 16-4-78 at Washermanpet, Madras. He was a long standing member of the Society and helped the Society by his prayer and contribution. He leaves behind his wife and children. May God grant to the bereaved family the necessary consolation and our departed friend the eternal joy.

Members are requested to pray for these families.

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Interest on Fixed Deposit for Rs. 12,000/-	240	00
Mr. N. B. Singh, Bareilly, U. P.	2,000	00
	4,120	00
Amount already received as published in the N. M. I. April 1978	15,891	36
Total Rs.	20,011	36

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PRAYER

GRANT, O God, that thy holy life-giving Spirit may so move in the hearts of men, in the life of Thy Church, and among the nations of the earth, that the barriers which divide us may crumble, the suspicions disappear, and the hatreds cease; that so the body of mankind, being healed of its divisions, may serve Thee in peace and order, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

PENTECOST

Message from the Presidents of the World Council of Churches

Brothers and Sisters in Christ !

How often our messages begin with these words ! That we should dare to speak in such terms is surely a miracle of the Holy Spirit ! The only justification for doing so is the confidence which moves us, in union with our 'elder brother', to address the Holy God as 'Abba. Father' !

Certainly we are becoming better acquainted with each other. The faces of Christians from all parts of the world are becoming more familiar to us. We see them in magazines and films, on television and on posters. Sometimes we hear their voices from afar. Sometimes we even have the pleasure of meeting in person some of those with whom the Holy Spirit has made us one. We give God thanks for having made at least partly visible to us a fellowship which our predecessors were only able to live in faith. And with the apostle Paul we thank God every time we think of these brothers and sisters (Phil. 1:3).

This makes it easier for us to pray for one another. The human stories of some of our brothers and sisters are known to us today; some in dire distress, some suffering imprisonment and facing death for their witness to the Gospel, some persecuted

for their defence of human life, some who proclaim the Gospel victoriously, many giving generously and cheerfuliy serving their fellows, some outstanding for creative scholarship of spiritual fervour.

At this time of Pentecost, why not make a list of all the persons, places and situations which bring this fellowship of brothers and sisters most vividly to our minds and use it as a guide for our intercessions ?

But the fellowship to which we have been led by faith in Jesus Christ opens up us to a broader horizon for our prayers ; the whole universe enfolded in the love of God This love makes us one with all human beings and all peoples, in a way that transcends distinctions of sex, race, social condition, in a deep longing for the life, liberty, and justice which the Holy Spirit promises for the whole of humanity and for the entire universe. There is no hope no pain, no persecution no legitimate human endeavour or human creation which we cannot make our own in prayer to God. In the Holy Spirit, we find the daily newspaper, the radio or television news, providing us with a prayer calendar, an up-to-date breviary.

At the same time prayer nourishes our fellowship and must be specific. The news often leaves us perplexed and overwhelmed. Do we really know what is best for our brothers and sisters in distant lands ? Are we to pray that they may have a greater or smaller share of international trade ? Is it development aid they need, or radical change of the structure of their society ? Do they need more or fewer missionaries ? What is the best answer to the upsurge of violence and terrorism in so many countries ? Answers to these questions—answers we have learned in school, from the mass media, from fashionable trends of opinion, or even from the Church's teaching are contraditory to put it mildly. What some of us feel moved to pray for, others indigantly repudiate. That we should be confused is not surprising since 'we do not know how to pray as we ought' (Rom. 8 : 26)

But the Lord knows what we really need. The Spirit Himself intercedes for us. He translates our confused and hesitant prayers so that they may reach the Father as they ought'. We can confidently say 'Amen !' to the intercession of the Holy Spirit who takes our own prayers and those of our brothers and sisters and unites them in the loving purpose of the Sovereign Lord of the world and of human life.

And when we pray in this way, we prepare to be corrected by the Holy Spirit, allowing the Lord Himself to teach us,

through the words and the longings of others, to pray 'as we ought'—To pray for others is to open ourselves to the correction which the Spirit applies through our neighbour's need.

The full unity of language, heart and mind, doctrine and fellowship, manifest at the first Pentecost. is far from visible among us. Nor are we clear as to how it is to be reached. But we are learning to see and understand one another more fully, day by day. And as we continue to 'pray intelligently', we express our love in words of thanks giving, solidarity and hope entrusting them into the keeping of the Holy Spirit who leads us ever near to the time when the promise of Pentecost will be made manifest in us all and in the whole universe.

The Presidents of the World Council of Churches :

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Reports From Field And Requests For Prayers

Jawadhi Hills

Kalyanamandhi

Mr. Victor reports that there was a special children's programme on Easter Day and the church was full. At Kuttatnur he met a family which was depressed because there were no children in the family. Mr. Victor cheered them up by telling them the story of Hannah. They have promised to come to church. Please pray for this family. Prayers are also requested for Mrs. Annamalai, one of the Seeker's wife for her conversion.

Mrs. Victor reports that she met a womrn, Lakshmi who was possessed by evil spirits. She was unable to walk because she was anemic. Mrs. Victor prayed for this woman who promised to come to church after she gets well. Please pray for this woman.

Jamnamarathur

Mrs. Shantha Sanjeevi reports that at Nadur a woman, Pappathi was very sick Rev. & Mrs. Sanjeevi prayed for this woman. After two days she became well. Please pray that this woman may accept Jesus.

Mrs. Esther Robertson reports that she was sent for when a woman became very sick and was unconscious. She prayed for her till 8 p.m. At 8 15 p m. the patient became conscious and she is quite well now. Her neighbours were very quiet when she prayed for this sick woman. Please pray for this woman.

Gundalathur

Mr. James Meyyan reports that he was miraculously saved from a motor cycle accident recently. Let us thank God for saving the life of Mr. James Meyyan. Please pray for Kuppan who has accepted Jesus as his personal Saviour.

Veerapanoor

Mr Vetharaj Daniel reports that Sunday school is being conducted regularly in this area Please pray for Govindan and Govindarajulu and Sunday School Children. One Chinnapayan has accepted Jesus as his Saviour. He wanted cottage prayer meeting to be conducted in his house on Tamil New Year's Day. He believes that our Lord will guide him throughout this New Year. Please pray for this family.

Mr. A. Thiraviam who is in Tamil Nadu Theological Seminary joined Mr Vetharaj Daniel during his summer holidays for one month and did intensive work.

Nadanoor

Mrs Saramma George our Nurse reports that she has treated 241 patients and even some of the cases from Muttnathur and Kumplur. A woman from Kumplur village suffered from tonsilitis. She could not eat anything for four days Our nurse prayed for her, gave her injections and tablets. The patient became alright and confessed that Jesus Christ saved her from her sufferings.

Mrs. Victorial reports that one Ponnuswami a Sunday School student prayed earnestly for an hour when his cow was seriously ill and was at the point of death. He believed that Jesus will save his cow but others lost hope. His prayers were

answered and to their surprise the cow was able to eat grass the next day. Let us thank God for the child like faith of these Hill Tribes.

Mr. S. Gnanamuthu our senior evangelist was seriously ill and got admitted in C.M.C Hospital Vellore. He has recovered and was convalesing for two months on health reasons. He has resigned Please pray that we may get good, experienced, committed Evangelist in his place.

During his absence Mr. G. A. Raju and Mr. Nithiyanandam were looking after the work.

Thonguma'al : Mr. I. Arumainayagam reports that a Hindu festival was celebrated in Navakanoor. About 5000 people participated in it. About 50 Gospels and many tracts were distributed to those who could read. People were very eager to read them. Rev. Sonny Yesudian, Dean of Missions, Tamil Nadu Thelogical Seminary visited villages in this place and stayed there for three days. At Konnur village a woman accepted Jesus as her saviour. She says that if she prays to Jesus before going to bed she is relieved from bad dreams about devils and gets sound sleep. In this village the persons who have accepted Jecus sing songs about Jesus and give testimonies in public. Please pray for these villagers. Mr. S. Nithyanandam reports that at Nachamadu village one Chinnaswami son of Poochi was very sick. Our worker talked to the father of the patient about the power of Jesus to heal the sick, His miracles and how He raised the dead. Poochi promised to send his son to the Sunday School after he becomes well. Please pray for Poochi and his son. Prayers are also requested for Chinnaswami, a Sunday school student who is sick.

Allerl : Mr. Jeyraj Samuel reports that Miss Jean Bald and Dr. Job of St. John's Church Vellore visited this place with two group of persons. A number of persons are willing to take baptism. Please pray for these persons. At the same time there is also opposition. One drunkard had not only abused Mr. Jeyraj Samuel and threatened him of the dire consequences if he continues to preach the gospel. Please pray for Jeyaraj Samuel.

Bageshwar : Mr. B R. Singh reports that he had discussions with some people about our Lord's crucifixion and resurrection. Some wanted to know why Jesus died on the cross and why he could not save himself. They also wanted to know how a dead person could rise again. Our worker explained that God planned the death of Jesus on the cross so that our sins may be washed

by His blood and that Jesus rose from the dead because He was God. The death and resurrection of Jesus cannot be easily understood by the people of this area. Please pray for these people.

Dabre M. P. Rev. Edwin Sherring reports that he contacts a number of persons regularly. He conducts prayer meetings. One seeker Shri Jaswant Singh brought another seeker, Bhagwan Singh. Please pray for these persons. One Suresh Chandar Gupta received the Bible and is reading it and conducts family prayers. Please pray for his family that their faith may be strengthened.

Bihar Sharif : Mr. A. H. Wadhi reports that he continues his preaching the Gospel in this place in spite of severe opposition. He distributes tracts and conducts prayer meetings. He also conducts Bible classes. The Police case against him is still pending and the case may be dropped. Please pray for Mr. Wadhi that God may strengthen him in his work and that God may change the hard hearted people of this place who are strongly opposing Gospel work here.

Kashmir : Mr. Tahir Masih reports that he visits the villages regularly and preaches the Gospel. Our prayers are requested for Manzur Masih who cannot attend the church due to many difficulties. Two ladies, Memuna and Masarat have accepted Jesus as their savior. Please pray for these ladies and for Manzur Masih.

Special Requests For Prayers

Apart from the request from Field Reports, we specially request prayers for the following :

Mr. S. Gnanamuthu : An experienced Evangelist at Nadanoor has resigned his work due to his illness. Prayers are requested for him and for the enquirers prepared by him. Members are requested to pray that we should get committed able experienced Evangelist to take his place.

2. **Alleri:** At Alleri a certain person who is addicted to drinking has threatened our worker Mr. Jeyraj Samuel of violent action, if he continues to preach the Gospel. Members are requested to pray for that person and also for Mr. Jeyraj to be courageous and to face the trial.

3. **Mr. Asghar :** Mr. Asghar our Bihar worker courageously faced the opposition both by the Muslim community and

local people. Please pray that God may relieve him of all the trials and clear the way for the Baptism of enquirers in that area.

4. **Mr. Tahir Masih :** The Lord has used our Kashmir worker Mr. Tahir Masih to win people for Him. But there are troubles to get the enquirers baptized and about their future. Members are requested to pray that these troubles may be solved and the work may be done peacefully.

Mr Joshi Doss : Members are requested to pray for Mr. J. Doss of Kanpur who had been helping the Society by contacting the friends and collecting funds for a long time. Recently the branch has gained strength. He had an attack of paralysis. Members are requested to pray for him, that God may touch and heal him.

6. **Mr, Washington :** Pray for Mr. Washington of Lucknow who had been recently grieved because of the loss of his only son. Members are requested to pray that God may console him and his grieved family.

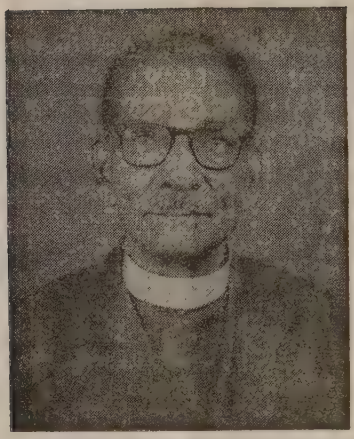
Felicitations

We are very happy to hear that **Rev. Azeez Williams** was concecrated Bishop of Amritsar of Church of North India on 12—3—1978 at the Cathedral Church of Nodempta, New Delhi. We wish the Bishop a very happy and succesful episcopal ministry in the Diocese. We assure him of our prayers.

We are happy to inform that **Rev. K.C. Seth** has been concerated the Bishop in North Kerala of the Diocese of the Church of South India on 1st May 1978 at Calicut. We wish the new Bishop a blessed episcopal ministry in his diocese. Friends are requested to pray for the Bishop.

On behalf of the NMS of India we felicitate Ren. Prof. J. D. Asirvadham on his 91st birth day He had been associated with the society on various capacities from 1906. While the society is gratefut for his help, we wish him many more happy returns.

Obituary



Rev. GNA VEDAKKAN

We regret to inform the death of Rev. Gna Vedakkan of Cuddalore. He had been a good friend of the society when he was in Madras and helping to start the Ayanavaram branch. We thank God for the long span of life and for his blessed ministry. Not only himself but his whole family was interested in the NMS and participating in its activities. May God grant His faithful servant His eternal joy and His fellowship. May God grant the bereaved family the necessary consolation.

We regret to inform the death of the Rt. Rev. Dr. John Richardson Retd. Asst. Bishop of Andaman and Nicobar Islands. Though we never met him in person we have heard much about his evangelistic ministry among his own people in Nicobar islands Till his death he had been travelling from island to island in Nicobar group to contact his people. The pioneer work of the Indian Evangelist V. Solomon Thambusamy was due to him. He had a long span of life and served His people well. So we thank God for his span of blessed ministry. We pray that God may grant him eternal joy and fellowship. We convey to the people and his relations our condolence.

We regret to learn that Mr. Gunaratnam of Bangalore died last week at Madurai. He has been the regular subscriber to the society and member of the Bangalore NMS branch. We pray that God may grant him eternal joy and necessary consolation for his kith and kin.

Contributions received for three months January to March 1978

Uttar Pradesh

Evangelical Church of India Allahabad	95	79
City Church Jhansi thro' Rev. Edwin Sherring	22	25
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	80	00

Rajasthnn

S. M. Church Jodhpur	62	00
BharatPur Branoh thro Miss S. S. Eavid	60	00
Mr. R. D Peters, Ajmer	52	05
Rev- R. M Dadiel, Ajmer	32	00
Mr. W. K- Green, Bharatpur	20	00
Mr. P. Nath, Ajmer	50	00
	276	05

Maharashtra

St Paul's Church, Poona	101	00
Dr. G. D Benjamin, Ratnagiri	100	00

Thro Mr. J. P. Ashwal

Christ Church Poona	54	63
Mr. John Finny	10	00
Tamil Church, Poona	33	55
Mr. V. D. Jadav	10	00
Mr. E. Samuel	10	00
Bishop I. P. Andrews	100	00

Karnataka

Mr. H Eikos	16	00
Miss K. Basuthtar	16	00
Mrs. J, L. Peters	10	00
Mrs. A. R. Bidari	58	00
	318	18
	519	18

Gujarat

Thro Mr. J. P. Ashwal		
Rev. S. Samuel, Baroda	10	00

Madhya Pradesh

M. P. Conference Benevolence thro Mrs A. E. Bose, Jabalpur	886	00
Thro Rev Edwin Sherring		
Rev. & Mrs. Sherring	5	00
Mr. D V. Hoffman	5	00
„ Banjamin Masih	4	00
„ H H Singh	3	00
„ H. Spencer	2	00
„ H. Sherring	2	00
„ M B Lall	2	00
„ Y. Masih	2	00
„ N F John	5	00
Mrs. T John	1	00
	31	00

Thro Mr Paul Singh Jubbulpore Branch		
Branch		
Miss E L, Campbell	15	00
Smt. P. N Joseph	5	00
Mr C Pilli	2	00
Miss Chandrawati Singh	5	00
Rev. F. Gurupatham	5	00
Mr. Ajit Singh	2	00
Mr T. Sudhakar	2	00
Mr. L. Peters	2	00
„ S K. Simon	2	00
„ Victor Masih	5	00
„ E. Nichols	2	00
„ Anand Masih	1	00
Mrs. L. Masih	2	00
„ S. S. Dass	2	00
Mr. Ahasan Masih	5	00
„ J. P Indu	2	00
„ R. J. William	2	00
	61	00

Thro' Mr Paul Singh, M.P.		
Mr. Marry Yusuf	2	00
Kum. H.O. Nathaniel	2	00
„ A G. Nathaniel	2	00
Mrs. Ada J Masih	1	00
Mr. James Keshow	1	00
Mr. P. Itty	5	00
„ M Vargees	1	00
„ D Prakash	1	00
„ Vergese	10	00
„ Edward Masih	2	00
„ S Phillip	1	00
„ A V. Anthony	0	50
„ Vinod Datey	2	00
„ Paul Singh	15	00
„ P. S. Joseph	1	00

,, Surendra Masih	2	00
Miss C. Masih	2	00
Mrs E. Natarajan	10	00
Mr Thomson Crag	2	00
Mrs. G. Clamance	24	00
Mr. Elisha Nathaniel	1	00
,, P. S. Singh	1	00
Miss M. Shah	15	00
Mr V C. Brown	4	00
,, J. W Girdhari	5	00
Mr. J Calib	1	00
Mrs Bhingardevi	2	00
Mr. Dalip Sing	20	00
,, Vargese Thomas	5	00
Mrs S. S Dass	4	00
,, S. Charles	2	00
Mr Rajendra Baniyan	2	00
Mrs. H. V. Henry	80	00
Rev. D. Francis	10	00
Mr. C V. Chacko	5	00
Marthoma Church, Sihora	50	00
	293	50

Thro' Mr. Poul Singh, U.P

Mr S D Sinha	25	00
,, N E Stephen	1	00
,, E Lall	5	00
,, E Singh	2	00
,, A M Rolston	5	00
Mrs S H J Pratt	5	00
Bible Society	67	00
Mr Prem Lall	10	00
	120	00

Thro' Mr Paul Singh, Bihar

Mr. Paul Lakhan Lall	10	00

Thro' Mr Paul Singh, Rajasthan

Mr W J Massey	20	00
Mr Titus Lazaman Singh	20	00
Sister Miss S David	20	00
Mr E C Anthony	20	00
	80	00

Thro' Mr A. Prasad

C N I Church, Nasirabad	80	00
Mr Philip Masih	10	00
Mrs K Sampson	44	50
Mr. Michael Jonathan	10	00
Mrs V Rane. M P	350	00
Kum Rajna Masih	10	00
Mr. Oliver Khalkho Driver	100	00
Mr. James Theophilus	5	00
Kum H Lyte	33	00
Mr A M Daniel	480	00
Bishop O. P. Lall	42	25
Mr John Cann	10	00
	1,094	75

Thro' Mr T Thomas Jubbulpore

Disciples of Christ Church	50	00
Thro' Prof. G C Chelvam, St Paul's Church	42	50
A G Church	25	00
Rev R. Premnath	5	00
Mr Seth Hawes	5	00
Rev M Zedak	5	00
	132	50

Kerala

Thirumala Prayer Fellowship	150	00
Thro' Mr K Chandy	905	00
Mr V V Verghese	20	00
,, K C Cheryan	15	00
,, K Verghese Mathew	20	00
,, V A Kuruvilla	20	00
,, P V Thomas	20	00
,, K V Mathai	20	00
,, Chakco George	25	00
,, George Vergese	20	00
,, K John Philipose	25	00
,, Kurien John	25	00
Mrs M Vaz	25	00
Thro' Miss A Thomas Calicut	230	00
Munnar Branch	1000	00
Trivandrum Branch	300	00
Mrs Bai Yesudhas	20	00
Mr D A Sighamoni	5	00
Mrs Saramma James	15	00
Mr J Robinson Crusoe	30	00
,, P G Kurien	100	00
Mrs C T Lilly Suganamma	30	00
Mr J Nesam	20	00
,, K E Philip	10	00
Rev M Sathyanathan	25	00
S J Ruby	5	00
Mr P M Varughese	10	00
Dr P O Mathew	50	00
Mr Kanakaraj	15	00
,, Mony	10	00
,, V T George	25	00
Mrs L Samuel	25	00
	3,215	00

Karnataka

Sevika Sangom, Marthoma Church	1,200	00
Richmond Town Methodist Church	400	00
Dodballapur Pastorate	20	00
David Memorial Pastorate	25	00
Thro' Mr J P Ashwal	2,336	00
Mr. A Soans, Jeppo	63	00
Thro' Mr Sukirth m Das		
Mr Gunaratnam	3	00
Mrs Vijaya Prasad	30	00
,, Grace Sathypraj	60	00
Mr Donalt Grant	10	00
Mrs Vatsala Sebastian	50	00
Home Missionary Society		
Thro' Mrs Mclermott	90	00
Mr & Mrs John Samuel	20	00
Mrs C Das Abraham	50	00
Mrs A B Vargese	100	00
Mrs Reuben Jacob	10	00
Dr & Mrs Thannickal	50	00
Mr & Mrs Arnold	5	00
Rev. & Mrs Brian Smith	30	00
Mr E S Eikos	15	00
Rev P J Thomas	40	00
Mr V S Eikos	5	00
Mrs Jeyaraj Stephens	30	00
Rev Sam D George	50	00
Dr Ranita Ainan	500	00
Mr L C Soans	20	00
Mr & Mrs A C Salins	10	00
Kum Premlatha Gladie s	25	00
Mrs & Mr Edwin	35	00
Mr G Daniel	50	00
Miss Emmy Attenharer	50	00
Mrs Dunamma	25	00
	5,407	00

Andhra Pradesh

Thro' Mrs Endi David		
Christ Church, Ramkotu	105	00
S P G Primary School Staff (thro' Mrs F Baskar Raj)	57	00
C S I Women's Fellowship Palmaner	40	00
	202	00

Mr N Gnanasigamoni	40	00
,, John Thomas	15	00
,, P D Asirvadam	10	00
,, Thangaraj	20	00
,, A G P Devasigamony	80	00
Mrs K Hannamma	60	00
	225	00
	427	00

North Tamil Area

Ebenezer School, Katpadi	54	00
C S I Christ Church, Coimbatore	658	00
St Paul's Church Tiruporur	60	00
Sholingur Pastorate	50	00
Tirupattur N M S Branch	2 8	00
	1,100	00
Mrs Isabella Charles	15	00
Dr Y Samuel Charles	10	00
Miss K A Ananthai	100	00
Mr J D Austin	5	00
Mr Martin Selvaraj	35	0
Anni Daniel	10	00
Mr Eric Sahyam	10	00
Mr S Jesudas Mani	5	00
Mr L V Ebenezer	18	00
Mrs Rose Moses	20	00
Mr Thomas Jebasingh	5	00
Miss A G P Packianathan	60	00
Mrs Prakashm	10	00
Mr D Rajkumar	10	00
Mrs Kanakamani Ammal	20	00
Mr Bernard Shaw	10	00
Mrs Parijatham	10	00
	353	00
	1,453	00

Salem Dhormapuri

Mr. D. S. J. K. Pandiarai Christ Church, members	35	00
Teacher's Training Inst. for women	255	00
Zion Church, Dharmapuri	16	50
Christ Church, Salem	78	00
Thro' Mrs. R. Daniel	85	00
	469	50

Mr.	John Heller	36 00
,,	K. Rajmohan	20 00
,,	T. Lawrence	16 00
,,	T. Inbaraj	15 00
,,	J. Dhanaraj	9 00
,,	P. Kanagaratnam	2 00
,,	S Kanagaratnam	3 00
,,	Thomas Prabhakaran	5 00
Dr	S. Gurubatham	30 00
Mr	D Prakasam	2 00
		138 00
		607 50

Madurai Area

St George's Church	100 00
Mrs Gunaseeli	18 00
,, Sarojini Schwartz	5 00
,, Selir Balasingh	20 00
Mr. L. Thomas	5 00
Rajni Vijayakumar	5 00
Mrs. Grace A. Kennett	15 00
Mr. S. John Devasahayam	5 00
,, S Joseph	20 00
	193 00

South Tamil Area

Methodist Girls High School, Trichy	105 00
C S.I. Church, Tiruvarur	91 90
Staff of All Saints Middle School, Trichy	63 00
C.S.I. Girls High School, Erode	40 00
C S.I. Christ Church, Tricy	311 75
Duthie Boarding Home, Nagercoil	100 00
Women's Fellowship of Neyyoor Home Church	30 00
	741 65
St. Peter's High School, Thanjavur	224 25
Mr. P. K. Samuel, Nagapattinam	150 00
Mr. D. P. Singaram, Trichy	14 00
Thro Mr. S. Solomon Rajayya	300 70
Mr. Y. Packiamoney, Nazarath	477 00
Mrs G. P Devasahayam Nagereoil	150 00
Thro Mrs. Annam Ponnnuswamy Thanjavur Branch	2,296 00
Thro Mr. J. Shelton	25 00
	3,636 95
Mr. D. J. Paul Raj	30 00
Mrs. Jayabai Samuel	5 00
Mr. G. H. Clarence	30 00
,, C J. Antony	25 00
,, A Rejendran	15 00
Dr. Mrs Monsingh	30 00
Mr. S J Abraham	30 00
Mrs Lily Abraham	6 00
Miss Kiruba Abraham	3 00
Masier Jebakumar	3 00
Selvi Baulina	3 00
Mr Martin Selvaraj	15 00
,, Y Gnanasikamony	15 00
,, D. L Sundararaj	30 00
,, R. J. Christian	30 00
,, Frederick Samuel	5 00
Mrs Mercy Devasirvatham	10 00
Mr H. W. Paulraj	12 00
Rev. M. D. Rajmani	10 00
Mrs. S Thangasamy	12 00
,, Dasamani	100 00
Mr D. Thambuswamy	50 00
,, D. Danasegar	50 00
,, P. Jeyakumar	25 00
,, D K T. Felix	3 00
,, Mahesh Appadurai	12 00
,, Umrash Appadurai	12 00
Rajesh APpadurai	16 00
Mr D. Earnest Devapriam	25 00
Rev J. A Balasingh	40 00
Mr. D- Jeyachandran	50 00
,, P Hemachandran	40 00
S. L. Kasturi Pitchai	10 00
Dr. Samuel Charles	20 00
Mr. M P. Gnaniah	5 00
,, S. Sweeharan	5 00
Mr. J. D. Samuel	20 00
,, David Rajanayagam	5 00
Mrs Juliet Jebathai	5 0
Mr. R. V. Devid	20 00
Rita Roseline	2 00
Mr Edwin Jeyaraj	20 00
,, D. Ebenkon	15 00
Thro Rev. K. G S. Dorairaj Rev. S. A. Joseph	100 00
Thro Rev. K. G. S. Dorairaj contribut ons	500 00
Mrs. T. Chelliah	12 00
	1,481 00

Thro' Mr. John Victor

Mr.	Christodass	10 00
Dr.	W. H. Raghavaiah	10 00
Mr.	John Victor	5 00
Dr.	D. D. Jeyakumar	3 00
Mr.	Moses	2 00
,,	V. P. Balraj	2 00
Mrs.	Navamani Samuel	2 00
,,	Martin Luke	1 00
		35 00
		1,516 00

Collections thro' Mrs. Annam Ponnuswami, Thanjavur

Mrs.	Annam Ponnuswami	12 00
Miss.	Angel James	6 00
Mr.	S. Azariah	12 00
Mrs.	Albert Charles	6 00
Mr.	A. Azariah	120 00
,,	C. H. S. Arulendran	60 00
Mrs.	Arulanandam	36 00
Mr.	C. Anna Pillai	12 00
Mrs.	Beatrix Devadoss	6 00
,,	V. Bsskar	18 00
,,	Beatric Lincoln	36 00
,,	A. B. Devanesan	12 00
Mr.	Y. Balraj	24 00
,,	G. Balasundaram	24 00
Miss.	Beatric Ezekiel	5 00
,,	Basker Ezekiel	5 00
,,	Binighna Exekiel	5 00
,,	Basilla Ezekiel	5 00
Mrs.	B. Charles	12 00
Mr.	T. J Chelliah	6 00
,,	Chandrasekaran Babu	11 00
Mrs.	S C. Dorairaj	12 00
Mr.	M. A Daniei	24 00
Mrs	N Dorairaj	24 00
Mr.	D. S David	36 00
,,	D. Dharmaraj	24 00
,,	J. Diraviam	36 00
Rev.	S. Duraikan	36 00
Mr	J. S. David	1 50
,,	S. E. Devaraj	12 00
Mrs	J. A Doss	6 00
,,	J. L. Edward	6 00
,,	A. Edward	6 00
,,	Esther Isaac	24 00
Mr.	Ethelbet	120 00
,,	A. J. B. Frederick	60 00
Mrs	A. R. Gordon	3 00
Dr. Mrs.	G. Gordon	6 00
Mrs.	Gyon Balral	24 00
,,	A. Gnanamuthu	3 00
Mrs.	Grace Samuel	6 00
,,	Gunavathi artin	3 00
Mr	George Sundersing	12 00
,,	S D Gunasekaran	3 00
Mrs	Grace Devasahayam	24 00
,,	Gunamoni Babu	12 00
Mr.	Gnanathangiah	20 00
Mrs.	Gladis Rajiah	12 00
,,	Helen Rajiah	12 00
,,	Helen Herbert	9 00
,,	Henry Ma iammal	6 00
,,	Helen Dawson	12 00
,,	Helen Jayaraj	24 00
,,	I Ignatius	6 00
Mr.	I D Ignatius	12 00
Mrs.	Jasmine Stanley	6 00
,,	Jeya Koilpillai	3 00
Mr.	John Joseph	12 00
Dr Mrs	Julias Lionel	12 00
Mr	John Wilfred	12 00
Miss	Jayamoni Daniel	12 00
Mrs	Joy Balraj	12 00
Mr	P Jeyasingh	15 00
,,	R V Jeyaraj	24 00
,,	Jeyaraj Manonmani	12 0
,,	Joseph David	36 00
Miss	Kamalabai Mathuram	36 00
,,	Lily R jamani	13 00
Mrs	Leela Ebenexer	12 00
,,	Leela Dorairaj	12 00
Miss	Lily Daniel	12 00
Mr	Leo Dennis	36 00
Mrs	Moses R jadoss	24 00
,,	Mary Pichaiammal	6 00
Dr	A Monoharan	16 00
Mrs	Nesam Duraikan	24 00
Mr	Nallaraj	60 00
Mrs	Gnanam Pandian	12 00
Mr	S M Pandian	12 00
Mrs	Mercy Pandian	24 00
,,	Rani Pandian	60 00
Mr	D J Pandian	24 00
Mrs	S Paul	12 00
Mr	J Paul	18 00
Mrs	Pappammal David	5 00
,,	Paulin Williams	12 00
Miss	Pushpam Corrolus	12 00
Mrs	Pamila Walter	12 00
Mr	J R Ponnuswami	12 00
,,	Pentasingh Daniel	12 00
Mrs	C K Peter	4 00
,,	Rani Ambrose	12 00
Mr	C S A Rajiah	17 00
Mrs	Rajakumari Herbert	24 00
,,	Ratnamani David	12 00
Mr	S D V Rajakumar	110 00
Mrs	Sugantha Philip	12 00
,,	M A Swamidoss	12 00
Mr	D Selvanayagam	15 00

,, D Stanley	24	00
Mr. S Solomon Rajiah	60	00
,, Samuel Selvakumar	12	00
,, Swartz Antony	24	00
Mrs. Sakuntala Inbaraj	12	00
Mr. Selwyn Edward	18	00
Mrs. Hanna Thangasami	3	00
,, Reta Thangaraj	12	00
,, C. Thangaraj	12	00
Mr. Thangasami Babu	12	00
Mrs A. Thomas	3	00
Mr. A J Thanga Pandian	12	00
Mrs. Vimala Jeyaseelan	24	00
,, P. William	11	50
Mr. C Wilfred Degaraj	33	00
,, Victor Vedamoni	24	00
,, Walter Rajamani	24	00
Mrs. Viji Alberr	24	00
,, Edith Gnanasekaran	3	00
Mr. Rajeswaran Babu	4	00
,, Bennet	70	00
,, T. Kailasam	12	00
,, C. Jesudaian	24	00
,, Peter Jeyadurai	36	00
,, S Masillamani	12	00
,, A. H. James	15	00
Dr. Aruliah Samuel	35	00
Mr. S. N. David	35	00
,, Mangaladurai	35	00
Mrs. Selwyn	3	00
,, Buelah Lionel	12	00
Mr. L Robinson Thomas	12	00
,, D. Sundersingh	10	00
,, Solomon Raj Pethanayagam	8	00
,, J J. Paul	15	00
Mrs. Mercy Silvester	6	00
Mr. Alfred Isaac	2	00
Total	2,616	00

Karnataka

Thro. Mr. J. P. Ashwal

Mr. A. P. Richard, Gadag	10	00
Mrs. R A. Bunyan	10	00
Mr. James Clare	10	00
,, D A. Koneri	5	00
Dr. & Mrs. G. H V. Fredericks	50	00
Mr. P. A. Kasturi	5	00
Kumar Jeevaratnam S Prabhakar	5	00
	95	00

Thro Mr. G. D. David Belgaum

Mr. J. S Williams	25	00
Mr & Mrs. D. Sunath	10	00
Mr. D. G. Bellikatti	30	00
Mrs B G. Arikatte	10	00
Mrs. & Dr. P. M Rajput	25	00
Miss. Mohini Walters	5	00
Mr B. K Dhanwadi	10	00
,, C. Jeremiah	5	00
,, F. D Meben	5	00
Mrs. E. D Allen	5	00
Mr. C. Maben	20	00
Mr. W. D. Maben	10	00
Mrs. R. Ajgarani	10	00
Mr. S Karkada	25	00
,, Anutha Bangara	5	00
	200	00

Thro Rev. E S. Hans, Balmatta Mangalore

Rev D Shethian	10	00
Mr. Walter P, Maben	21	00
,, Philands Solomon	30	00
,, Oswin Salins	25	00
,, W. A Salins	25	00
,, Godwin Elizer	5	00
,, Victor Henry	2	00
,, Sydney Samuel	15	00
,, Oliver Karkadaj	5	00
Mrs M Suvarna	1	00
Mr. Gilbert Bangara	10	00
,, Herman Amanna	5	00
Rev. J. S. Sadanada	15	00
,, R. G Heir	10	00
Mr, Godwin Weltha	5	00
,, Clement Kotian	2	00
,, Shanthakumar	2	00
Rev Edwin Waltar	6	00
Balmatta Chuch Sunday School	20	00
Mrs C Simons	4	00
Mr N C Soans	10	00
,, G S Vergis	10	00
,, John H G Anchen	5	00
,, Manohara Karkada	10	00
,, E J Ammanna	2	00
,, Stanley Bangara	1	00
,, W J P Kaunda	5	00
,, Jeyakumar Heir	4	00
	265	00

Thro Miss P Shadrock Kasorgad Branch	60	00

Karnataka (*Contd*)

Thro Miss Rita M. Ashwal
Shantinagar Branch

Mrs	S D Ashwal	6 00
„	Ullasini Sumithra	4 00
Mr	A Dorairaj	9 00
„	M S Karkada	9 00
Mrs	W D Ashwal	6 00
Mr	E Bangara	14 00
		48 00

Thro Mr. K. D. Ananda
Udipi Branch

Mr	L V Maben	30 00
„	Sebastin Salins	15 00
Miss	Mercy Valancy Ananda	10 00
„	Jannet Pallanya	10 00
Mr	S Karkada Saw Mill	50 00
„	J W Amanna	10 00
„	M A Vincent	25 00
„	Petrick Stevens	20 00
		170 00

Thro Dr. George D. Bangapore

Mr	Reuben S Mirajkar	5 00
„	Samuel C. Sullad	5 00
Mrs	Chandraleela C Kuri	10 00
„	S S David	50 00
„	Charles S Gowdeller	1 00
„	Jyotowa H D'Souza	1 00
Mr	P S Gundi	5 00
C S I Kannada Church, Bijapur		200 00
C S I All Saints Church		50 00
		327 00

Thro Mr. J. P. Ashwal

Christian Service Charitable Trust		100 00

Thro Mr. G. A. Soans,
Gorigudda

Sri	J B Jathanna	16 00
Smt	S Anchen	5 00
Sri	I S Bangera	10 00
„	I M Theophil	10 00
„	W D Sanivana	5 00
Mr	E H Kotian	25 00
„	G A Soans	12 00
„	A D Amanna	10 00
„	I Frank	5 00
„	E P Salins	5 00
Rev	J L Sadananda	10 00
Sri	J Williams	5 00
„	A Pengal	10 00
„	S M Iran	10 00
„	L Vethamuthu	5 00
		153 00

Thro Mr, S. R. Malakar

Dharwar Branch		61 00

Thro Miss Rajitha Kumar,
Hassen Branch

Miss	Prabha Soans	5 00
Mr &	Mrs H V Isaac	50 00
Mr	S Ananda Sundra	10 00
„	D Devarajulu	10 00
Miss	Chandraleela Soans	15 00
Mrs	Santha Paul	10 00
Sulochana James		10 00
		105 00

Thro Mr. G. Viswanta Kumar,
Mysore Branch

Mr	G Vasant Kumar	5 00
Smt	Satyavati	5 00
„	Juliet Vasundhara	15 00
„	B Chandra Bai	10 00
		35 00

C S.I. South Kanara & Coorg Area		800 00

Field Receipts

Mr	S Gnanamuthu	132 02
Miss	Saramma George	653 00
Mr	I Arumanayagam	26 90
„	S V Jayaraj Samuel	18 00
„	Jeevanandam	3 00
Rev	Edwin Sherring	369 25
Mr	A H Wahdi	90 00
„	B R Singh	95 00

Rev Paul Sanjeevi	369	52
Mrs Esther Robertson	549	41
,, M Victor	85	68
Mr N Victor	74	38
,, Vetharaj Daniel	25	00
,, P Rajaian	33	82
,, O James Meyyan	25	00
,, G A Raju	27	00
Miss Victorial	18	00
Mr Franklin Bhasme	189	85
,, Tahir Masih	15	00
,, D B Pun	45	00
,, L B Rana	10	00
,, Nithyanandam	18	00
,, Panual Circar	5	00
,, Alfred Chowan	40	00
,, K Chandy	207	00
Rev. G. Roshiah	269	00
Mr. V. T. Abraham	13	00
,, Padam Singh	25	00
Mrs. Santha Sanjeevi	20	00
Rev. Joseph Wilson	20	00
	3,471	83
Isapanthy Ashram	427	10
	2,898	93

Bombay

Thro Mr. J. P. Ashwal

Methodist Kanara Central Church	100	00
Sushanta Sunday School	20	00
Karnataka Church	100	00
Christ & Krupa Sunday School	20	00
Chembur B. M. Prayer Union	82	40

Thro Mr. K. Chandy

Marthoma Church, Dadar	403	80
U. B. M. Church, Bombay	650	00

Thro Mr. J. P. Ashwal Bombay

Mr. & Mrs. S. Anchen	100	00
Mr. H. C. Soans	20	00
,, S Amanna	10	00
,, A. J. Salis	20	00
Mrs Alice Kundu	5	00
Mr. A. C Clare	50	00
Rev. Walter Kunder	5	00
Mr. L L. Alva	50	00
Bombay City	82	00
Chembur	66	00
Ghatkopur	20	00
Kurla	153	00
Bandra	16	00
Bhandup	66	00
Vikhroli Area	27	00
Mr. G. Marks Wilson	101	00
,, N D Soans	10	00
,, C. Satyavarata	25	00
,, G. Furtado	10	00
,, I. Joseph	10	00
,, L. Salins	20	00
,, B. H. Sumithra	5	00
,, Victor Kunder	15	00
Rev. J. B. Challa	10	00
Mr. A. S Anchen	20	00
,, S. H. Soans	30	00
,, J R Pengal	10	00
,, Mohan Fernandez	30	00
,, G. Salins	200	00
,, G. Anchen	10	00
Plastic Manganese Engg. Works	25	00
Mrs. Shirley Postingale	25	00
Mr. S. John	15	00
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Mrs. Sheela Sundari Suriya, Madras	100	00
Mr. G. David, Belgaum	100	00
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Mr. Ayub Brown, Delhi	100	00
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Mr. D. R. Vedamuthu	101	00
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Mr. John G. Ezekiel (1st inst) (in memory of Mr. N. R. D. Ezekiel)	100	00
Dr. M. Santhosham (2nd inst)	100	00
Anonymous	150	00
Mr. Isaac Sathyaraj	1000	00
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ANNUAL SALE OF THE MADRAS N.M.S. AREA COMMITTEE

We would like to inform the readers that the Madras N.M.S. Sale will be held on 15th August 1978. Friends are requested to remember the Annual Sale in their prayers.

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K. G. S. DORAIRAJ
General Secretary

PRAYER

Almighty God, giver of all Good things, who by Thy Spirit appointed us watchmen over our people to watch and warn mercifully behold us Thy people, and fill us with Thy Holy Spirit that both by word and good example, we faithfully and joyfully serve Thee and build up Thy Church to the Glory of Thy name through Jesus Christ our Lord.

MEDITATION

"I have set thee a watchman" Ezek. 33 - 7

As we travel around our mother land we find many ruined fortresses. Once they were the capitals of big or small kingdoms. In every Fort we find at the top of the front gate, at four corners and at important places elevated towers. These towers were watch towers from which the soldiers used to watch whether any enemy approached and warned the people inside the fort.

God tells Ezekiel His servant that He has appointed him as the watchman over His people. He also tells him of his duties which are :

1. TO BE VIGILANT AND TO LOOK FAR-AHEAD

(II Sam. 18:24-27) King David sets a watchman to get the news of the war. The watchman climbs up and reports what he sees (II Kings 9:18) So the watchman has to keep awake and vigilant to see and to inform the people about the approach of friend or enemy. Watch and pray said our Lord.

2. TO WARN

The watchman has not only to watch but to warn people inside the fort by his trumpet about the approaching enemy so that the king, army and the people inside the fort will get alert and defend. If the watchman fails, the kingdom, freedom, lives and property will be lost and they will be taken as subjects though not as slaves. Proclaim the Gospel said our Lord.

When our Lord said 'Come, follow me' he set His disciples as the watchmen over the world to watch against 'the roaring Lion' (1 Peter 5:8) to be vigilant, to watch the Devil and his acts and to warn the people by the triumph of His gospel.

We Christians in India are set by God as watchmen over the people of India to see the activities of the people and warn our nation, to be saved from unrighteousness and corruption by the proclamation of the Gospel. Do we as churches and Individual Christians realise our responsibility towards 620 millions of our brothers and sisters?

Lord says' "I SET YOU AS WATCHMAN"

Shall we say "HERE AM I SEND ME"

or

"AM I MY BROTHER'S KEEPER?"

REPORTS FROM FIELDS AND REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

NEPAL:

Our Honorary Worker from Nepal Mr. Lal Bahadur Rana writes:

"During this month I went to a village, which is 14k m. away from my house, Kwelu, where I had a chance to meet many people. I spoke to them about Jesus and His Salvation. On the mountain side I went to a village called Kyakmitongacha where I preached the gospel. A man accepted Jesus as His Saviour. I presented a Bible to him. Please pray for him. Besides this I am regularly doing the gospel work among the neighbouring villages."

A NEWS FROM NEPAL:

Our Ex. Worker Mr K. S. Eapen writes to say that recently about 100 people received baptism in Nepal inspite of persecution. There are a few more people who believe in Jesus and want baptism. Pray for these people.

WEST INDIA REPORT:

Our Organising Secretary for West India Mr. J. P. Ashwal and Rev. Alfred Chawan visited Palanpur and surveyed the area and decided to have Headquarters at Palanpur and a Missionary tour around to do the Evangelical work. Rev. Alfred K. Chawan who is lent to us from the Methodist Church in

South Asia would have reached Palanpur on 12th. and started the work. Please remember him in your prayers.

NADANOOR: (Jawathi Hills)

The worker's team at Nadanoor report that they work as a team and visit villages regularly and contact people. They found that the team works as salt and lemon among the people. Though the fear of several restriction of the tribals makes them to hesitate to come out and confess Saviour Jesus and take baptism, they share their experiences with one another.

Some of the experiences are given below:

1) Muthu, a young man was bitten by a scorpion. Though the relatives insisted on treatment, he boldly asserted that Jesus would save him. He felt there was no effect of the bite and his family and the people are now very anxious to hear about Jesus. Another young man Ponuswamy told the worker that he believed in Jesus who often helps him. One day there was no food in his house. The family was getting anxious. He told that Jesus would not allow him to starve. So he prayed. A little later his relative from another tribe who celebrated a marriage in his family sent food stuffs to this family. So they had enough food more than they expected. It wae due to the belief of the young man. Again in his ewn house his ox fell ill and there was no no hope. But the boy continued to pray for two hours. The next morning he saw the bull hale and healthy. These answers to his prayers has created faith in the family. Just like this there are instances which make the people believe in Jesus, but we have to wait for them to break the tribal laws and come out. Prayers are requested for them to come out and confess Jesus as the Lord boldly. Sick people who lost hope are healed by prayer and medical treatment. This is also a challenge to the faith. Sister Saramma treats 130 cases per month.

ALLERI:

A man who threatened Mr. Jayaraj Samuel, our worker there to set fire to the worker's house and assualt him, later confessed what he did was wrong. This was in answer to our prayers and Mr. Jayaraj Samuel and Mr. G. A. Raju are very happy now working in the centre.

St. Paul's Church team composed of Messrs Anandappa, Johnson, Moses and Davaraj visited the centre and the brief report is published in this issue separately. They were accompanied

by the General Secretary Rev. K. G. S. Dorairaj. Mr. M. Jesudoss, the new Evangelist at Kalyanamanthai reports that he will visit villages and contact people and do his work with great hope. Soon Mr. Rajaian will be moving to Kalyanamanthai. Mr. Vedaraj Daniel reports about our regular village work.

TONGUMALAI :

This project is carried on in connection with Tamil Nadu Theological Seminary. The workers have been sent from the mission institute. One Mr. Vel Murugan a convert works with Mr. I. Arumainayagam. Both report that they are planning to do their work from different angles. Prayers are requested for them.

We are sorry to report that Mr. & Mrs. Victor have left our service from 1—7—78 on health reasons. We wish and pray that they regain their health. We are happy to inform that a new branch was formed in Mannargudi in Tanjore District on 13-8-78 with the following officers :

President : Rev. P. D. Peter

Vice President: 1. Mr. Ebenezer
Head Master, Findly High School

2. Dr. A. P. Devadoss

Secretary & Treasurer : Mr. Manoharan
Assistant, Findlay High School

The branch was formed by the efforts of Mr. Solomon Rajaiah, Hon. Area Secretary for South Tamil Nadu area.

MADRAS CITY AREA COMMITTEE SALE :

With grateful thanks we report that the Madras City Area Committee held a sale at Balar Kalvi Nilayam on 15-8-78 from 9-30 a.m. to 7 p.m. The collection was Rs. 8,000/- and odd. We thank God for the answer to our prayers that there should not be any nature's disturbances like rain etc., we thank all the coutributors, the churches and the convenors who took keen intersst and arranged for stalls and helped in the conduct of the sale. We also thank Mr. and Mrs. E. C. P. Prabhakhar, our chief guests. Let God's name may be praised. The Rev. D. I. Vedanayagam South Area chairman of the Diocese of Madras conducted a Villu Pattu on 'the activities of the N M.S.' This

was appreciated by all and we thank the Rev. D. I. Vedanayagam for giving us this item from 2 p.m. to 2-30 p.m.

REPORT OF ST. PAULS CHURCH TEAM ON ITS VISIT TO ALLERI :

We left Madras on 21st July '78 at 12-30 p.m. and reached Vellore by bus at 5 p m. and took another bus to Anaikattu where we reached by 6-30 p.m. As it was dark and there was no moon light we stayed in the Indian Evangelical Church and on 22nd morning we left Anaikattu at 5-30 a.m. and walked 2 miles to the foot of the hill and then climbed up steadily and slowly to a height of about 2500 ft. Because of the steepnees of the hill the path cut by rainy water was slippery. We reached Alleri at 11a.m. and came to a piace called Valaipandal. There we rested for some time and again ascended another hill and then again we had to climb up another hill to reach Alleri. From this you can understand how difficult it is to reach the place and how isolated the people are. Because of the isolation they are neither educated nor have medical facilities even in difficult serious cases. They could not get any facility and they could not move, as there is lack of conveyance and proper road. They are not civilised and they eat what they grow, as corn and other grains. When there is no rain and harvest they take firewood to the villages at the foot of the hill and sell it at a cheaper price and get their things. So they always look for the help of others. As they are barred by nature from outside influence and as they have no education facilities they are kept under superstition. The team admired the two young men who were bold enough to face everything and live among these people. This is a great challenge. The team visited four villages round about. The people egerly hear the gospel. There are few believers too but they have to embolden to break their social restrictions. There are people who are affected with Leprosy and other diseases.

Our Evangelists regularly visit the house in the village and and contact the people and they conduct school for the children young and old. They teach hygine. They give first aid medical help and pray for the patients.

THE NEED OF THE CENTRE ARE:

1. MEDICAL HELP

No lady workers can be appointed there because it is very difficult to climb. So we need a Male nurse who is a committed person to God to serve in that place. Friends are requested to pray for this great thing and the support.

KASHMIR:

Mr. Tahir Masih writes of his regular visits and he was very happy to report that Mr. Markest Mohamed who was a convert was out of job. He got a job after more difficulty. This he believes that it is because of his faith in Jesus. He is appointed by the Bible Society to distribute literature in the Kashmir valley. Though he did not grumble by the unemployment God has given his need. Mr. V. T. Abraham writes from Sikkim. He is suffering from ear trouble. Prayers are requested for him.

KUNDALATHUR (Jawathi)

Mr. James Meyyan writes that work is progressing and he has contacted the people and students who come regularly to night school and they were admitted in the Government High Schools and the standard is appreciated by the Head Masters of the Government High Schools.

Mrs. Esther Robertson writes that she had an opportunity to tell the Gospel to the village Headman. He told her that he worshipped the same God as we Christians do. The Christian call God Jesus but the Hindus call Him by different names. He said 'We are going on our way but let the children of the future generation follow your way. He also challenged her saying that he had driven devils from those who worshipped Jesus and she explained to him about Jesus and then he said that Jesus is the true God and he has seen Jesus in his dream with His' Angels. His name is Perumal. Please pray for him.

FELICITATION

We are happy to inform our readers that Rev. Dr. David Pothirajulu B A., B.D., M.A., Th.D., was consecrated as the Bishop of Madurai and Ramnad Diocese of the Church of South India on 19-8-78. We congratulate him and pray that God may grant him all the necessary gifts to have a happy episcopal ministry in the Diocese.

NATIONAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF INDIA

Prayer Week and NMS Sunday for 1978

We are glad to inform the Bishops, Church leaders presbyters and friends of the society that the NMS prayer week for 1978 God willing will be observed from October 2nd to 8th 1978. October 8th being NMS Sunday we request the Church leaders and the friends of the Society to observe the NMS Sunday. Let us all unite together in Prayer during this week to win India and the surrounding countries for Christ.

THE REQUEST FOR THANKING GOD AND FOR PRAYERS

THANKS FOR

1. Helping the Society to close the year without any deficit.
2. The converts in Kashmir in Madhya Pradesh and the enquirers in Puri and at Jawadhi.
3. Enabling us to have the All India Triennial Council at Vellore in November 1978.
4. The successful conduct of the Annual Sale by the Madras City Area Committee.
5. The impact of the Gospel on the tribals in Jawadhi, at Nadanur centre and at Alleri.
6. The regular visit by Vellore St. John's Church Evangelist Committee members to Nadanur and their guidance.

REQUEST FOR PRAYERS

1. Pray for our missionary Mr. V. T. Abraham and his family who are in Sikkim.
2. For the enquirers in Puri and Jawadhi and in Kashmir to be strengthened in their faith to accept and confess the Lord Jesus in public as their Personal Saviour.

3. For the deputation work done by Mr. George Joseph in Tamil Nadu.
4. For building two houses for our workers in Jawadhi.
5. For Mr. Tahir Masih to be protected from dangers and persecutions.
6. For putting up a building in the NMS office compound with the collection towards Workers Relief Endowment Fund and Platinum Jubilee Fund.
7. For the deputation work undertaken by our General Secretary, Mr. Paul Singh and Mr. V. T. Abraham in North India.

From Madras Diocesan News and Notes Youth Work July 1978 Issue

SUMMER N. M. S. EVANGELISTIC CAMP AT TIRUTTANI

The Rural Christian fellowship (N. M. S.) has carried out its 46th annual intensive Evangelistic Campaign at Tiruttani Pastorate from 19-5-78 to 26-5-78, under the able leadership of the Rev. C. S. Vethakkan. The good news of Jesus Christ was presented to the surrounding Hindu Community scattered in and around about 12 Villages through street preaching, Kata-Kalachebam, Drama and Christian films.

Rev. H. S. Thangaraj, Rev. M. Azariah, Rev. U.B.P. Daniel Azariah, Rev. Devadoss (Bible Society) Rev. Victor Manovah, Rev. S. Pushparaj and others encouraged the good news workers through their devotional messages.

We extend our thanks to our beloved Bishop for his generous monetary help and to all others who have done the same.

Glory be to God for His wonderful blessings and guidance.

Rev. E. W. CHRISTOPHER,
Presbyter, Tiruttani.

THE NATIONAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF INDIA

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THE TENTATIVE TOUR PROGRAMME OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY WITH ORGANISING SECRETARY FOR NORTH INDIA

August 17th	Leave Madras at 11 a.m.	
18th	Arrival at Itarsi & Meeting of the NMS Friends	
19th	Leave Itarsi with Organising Secretary for Jammu	
20th	Arrival at Jammu	C/o. Presbyter St. Pauls Church Residency Road, JAMMU J & K
22nd & 23rd	Travel & Arrival at Srinagar	C/o Rev. Yonathan Paljor All Saints Church Club Road SRINAGAR
24th to 1st Sep.	Tour in Kashmir with Mr. Tahir Masih	
Sept. 2nd to 3rd	Arrival at Ludhiana	Rev. N. Khan Christ Christ Civil Lines, Ludhiana-141001
4th & 5th	Ludhiana	
6th—8th	Amritsar	Rev. Rashid Masih Bishop's House Taylor Road AMRITSAR 143001—Punjab
9th	Travel	
10th	To Chandigarh Via Delhi	Mr. Francis Pershad 9073/1 Zamir Lane Pul Bangesh DELHI-110006

11th—13th	Chandigarh	C/o Rev. Caleb Christ Church Sector-18A CHANDIGARH
15th—18th	Delhi	C/o Mr. S. F. Franklin 3384 Christian Colony Karalbagh NEW DELHI-110005
19th	Arrival at Agra	
20th—25rd	Agra	C/o E. A. Daniel Steel Kothe St. John's College Agra-2 U.P.
24th—29th	Nepal Visiting Baitadi & Manglapur	
Sept. 30th—2nd Oct.	Gorakhpur	Mr. I. H. Blenchfield Princial, St. Andrews College GORAKHPUR
Oct. 3rd-9th	Lucknow-Barielly-Allahabad	C/o Mr. A. H. Khan 'Nur Manzil' Lal Bagh, Lucknow 226001 U.P.
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ADVANCE TOUR PROGRAMME OF THE DEPUTATION WORK FROM 9—8—78 TO 15—10—78

1. Mr. M. George Joseph, B.Com.
   Organising Secretary North Tamil Nadu
2. Mr. Asghar Hussian Wahadi
   Evangelist-Bihar-North India
3. James Meyyan
   Evangelist-Gundalathur-Jawadhi Hills

9th to 15th Aug.	—	Madras
17—8—78	—	Ambur
18—8—78	—	Vaniambadi
19—8—78	—	Jalarpet
20—8—78	—	Thirupathur C. S. I. Church Sunday

DHARMAPURI DISTRICT

21—8—78	—	Dharmapuri
22—8—78	—	Hosur
23—8—78	—	Krishnagiri
24—8—78	—	Bargur
25—8—78	—	Dharmapuri

SALEM DISTRICT

26—8—78	—	Salem Hasthampatti C.S.I. Church

27—8—78	—	Salem Lecklaral Church Sunday
28—8—78	—	Salem Christ Church

COIMBATORE DISTRICT

29—8—78	—	Bhavani CSI Church
30th & 31st Aug.	—	Erode
1—9—78	—	Tirupur
2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th Sept.	—	Coimbatore-Sunday-Lutheran
6th & 7th Sept.	—	Pollachi
8th, 9th & 10th Sept.	—	Udumalpet C.S.I. Church

MADURAI DISTRICT

11th & 12th Sept.	—	Palani
13th & 14th Sept.	—	Karur
15th, 16th & 17th Sept.	—	Dindigul CSI Church
18th to 24th Sept.	—	Madurai
25th Sept. to 2nd Oct.	—	Thanjavur, Trichy, Pudukottai
3rd to 10th Oct.	—	Madurai
11—10—78	—	Kumbakonam
12—10—78	—	Mayuram
13—10—78	—	Cuddalore
14th & 15th Oct.	—	Pondicherry

THE NATIONAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF INDIA, MADRAS

Platinum Jubilee Memorial Building Fund-cum-workers' Relief Endowment Fund

Amount received upto 19th August 1978

1.	Mrs. O. V. Alexander	100 00
2.	Messrs V. V. S. Paulraj and V. Justus Chandran (in memory of their father Rev. M. V. Vedaraj)	1000 00
3.	Mrs. Leela Yesudian	100 00 (9th instalment)
4.	J. P. Ashwal	10 00 (3rd instalment)
5.	Mr. A. C. Furtado	50 00
6.	Mrs. G. Ratnam (in memory of Mr. G. Ratnam)	500 00 (2nd and last instalment)
7.	Dr. (Mrs) C. W. Chacko	100 00 (10th instalment)
8.	Mr. N. R. D. Ezekiel	100 00
9.	Mr. K. C. Cherian	100 00
10.	Mr. G. N. Durairaj	30 00 (5th instalment)
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Bishop in South Karnataka Diocese of the Church of South India

N. M. S. PRAYER WEEK October 2nd 8th '78

N. M. S SUNDAY October 8th '78

CALL TO PRAYER

The National Missionary Society of India was founded with a motto to present the Gospel to the unreached areas of India and its neighbouring countries through the Indian personnel by making use of all the possible financial resources available in India. It was an ecumenical and Inter-denominational group from its birth itself. The society which started in the year 1905 had already made good progress in carrying out its activities.

This is the mission entrusted to the church by our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. This mission is enshrined in the command given by him in Mathew 28 : 19 "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." This command is three dimensional viz. ethnological, geographical and Vocational. The church is called upon to fulfil its mission bearing in mind the three dimensional truth of the Gospel.

It is now more than a century after foreign missionary societies brought us the Gospel and founded the churches here in India. Even now most of our churches look up to the foreign agencies for financial help and advice. It is a sad thing, everybody knows that all our programmes relating to proclamation of the Gospel depend mainly on foreign help and initiative in that the churches in India have absolutely lost their initiative and drive. The churches in India have become beggars in many cases. It is high time that we thought about this situation seriously and with responsibility. Here we have the example of the N.M.S. who has been struggling hard to fulfil the mission of the church independently and based on purely indigenous methods. This is the time when we have to thank God for the men of vision like, V. S. Azariah (later Bishop of Dornakal), J. R. Chidambar (later Bishop of Lucknow), K. T. Paul and Bepin Chandrashekar, who were inspired by God to start this mission. We are their successors and so we have to carry forward the great work what they have started here in India, not losing sight of the fact that the Gospel should be preached by Indians only based on the rich heritage of India and by inspring every member of the church to witness to Jesus Christ aiming at the redemption of the total life of a man, physical, intellectual, spiritual, social and other factors, reaching the unreached by tapping and utilising the local resources, jumping over denominational barriers. To what extent

the N.M.S. has been successful in fulfilling the aforesaid objectives is a question to be reflected upon on this occasion. However, it is gratifying to note that the N.M S. has not forgotten the original objectives and is trying its best to adhere to the same. The N.M S. during the past 73 years has made marked progress in its activities. Although the work has been slow it has been steadily progressive. Many have accepted Jesus Christ as the Lord and Saviour and are now in the fellowship of Christ in many places.

Starting from Montgomary District in the Punjab, the work has now reached Butwal in Nepal and Begeshwar in Madhya Pradesh, The work in the Pilgrim Centre in Paul on the Orissa coast has resulted in the formation of a congragation of 150 members. Even in the face of adverse circumstances the congregation is well on the high road marching forward and forward. The work also is going on in Bihar and West Bengal, Assam and Madhya Pradesh. The work is going on in Uppada in Andhra, in Muddeibihal in Karnataka, in 8 cenres in Tamilnadu, in Diglipur in Andamans, Jawar in Maharashtra, Now the work also has been extended to Kashmir to Baroda in Gujarat, Mallihabad near Lucknow, and to Sikkim. There was more than 52 full time workefs in 18 centres, at present, about 4 organising Secretaries for different regions, besides the General Secretary Rev. K. G S. Dorairaj and hjs staff at Head Quarters in Madras. In doing all this work the N.M S. has clearly shown to us that money can be raised in our country alone for the Gospel work. This has become possible for the N.M.S. because of its hard work, fervent faith in God and continuous prayers.

The N.M.S. is carrying out its activities without any denominational feelings. N.M,S is ready to receive any one who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and to help him. Inspite of the obstacles and disturbances the N.M S. has to pace in launching out its programme the work has been effectively going on proclaiming the Good news of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. I am not sure to what extent the N M S. has penetrated in its work into ethnological, goographical and vocational dimentions. I leave this question to the N.M.S personnel to answer. I fully believe that the present organisers or the N.M S. have done full justice to the 2 views enshrined in the passage, Luke 10: 27—vertical and horizontal i.e. responsibility towards God and Man. Now having got an idea of the N.M.S. and its work, we have to ask a very sincere and serious question, in what way can I identify myself with the N.M.S. There is no gain saying of the fact that each one of us is surely expected to fulfil the mission of Christ.

No one is an exception to this great commandment as aforesaid. The one way we can identify ourselves with the work of the N.M.S. is by donating liberally towards its work. Money is not the only thing that is needed for the work of the mission. More than that is your attitude towards the work, the attitude of giving. "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son" I am constrained, to emphasise this fact for the reason that attitude of grabbing is gaining momentum in the church today. We must fight against this attitude of grabbing tooth and nail.

Further the attitude of giving will always make the members to have kind thoughts and good sentiments towards the good work of the N.M.S. and this will generate a desire to pray for its work and to give whole hearted cooperation in this regard. May I therefore humbly appeal to all of you who read this message to pray for the workers and their families so that they may be used by God as worthy instruments in the propagation of the Gospel and that God may confer upon them the work of the Holy Spirit in abundance, and that God may increase the loyal supporters for the work of the N M.S. and that God may open the eyes of those who are blind to the needs of the N.M.S. that they may understand and help it through.

I am sending this call to you for your perusel and consideration. The doors of the N.M.S. are ever open to you to render your service for your Master Jesus Christ. Will you please enlist yourself today itself as one of the ardent supporters of the N.M.S. according to your ability ?

The N.M.S. needs your money no doubt, but more your blood, sweat and tears.

Sd/ S. R. Furtado
Bishop
Karnataka Southern Diocese.

APPEAL

for the observance of Prayer Week

N. M. S. Prayer Week — October 2nd to 8th

N. M. S. Sunday, October 8th

To

The Moderators/Bishops/Heads of Churches/Presbyters of Churches.

Dear Revered colleagues,

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord Jesus, who commissioned us to carry the Gospel to the uttermost parts of the world.

As you are, no doubt aware, the N. M. S. was founded in 1905 by representatives of Christians from every part of this country belonging to the then existing five great denominations to work as **the evangelistic arm of the Church in India** to reach the un-reached people with the Gospel message.

The N. M. S. Sunday is observed every year on the second Sunday of October. The main object of this observance is to **unite all Christians** in this country in prayer for the spread of the Gospel and salvation of this land.

We are glad that the various Church-bodies have extended their support to the work of the Society. **The Church of South India and the Church of North India have by resolutions at their Synod level commended the Society to the concern and support of the whole Church. The Lutheran Church has been a partner in the Gospel from the beginning even to the extent of giving missionaries and finding financial support to the Society. The Marthoma Syrian Church has also been a partner in the Gospel from early times and their Metropolitans have always evinced keen and personel interest in the work of the Society.** However, it has been our sad experience in the past that only a few local Churches had responded to our call for observing the N. M. S. Sunday.

It may not be out of place to mention here that during the last 73 years, the Society has worked in close cooperation with the Church and, as per the objects of the Society, has always handed over to the nearby Church **not only the souls won by it,**

but also the properities acquired by it in the particular centre once its pioneering work in the centre has borne fruit and the time has come for it to move on to new areas. Thus the Society has been truly playing the vital role of a frontier force for the whole Church in its task of extension of His Kingdom in this land, **living for and completely giving itself** for the Church. In recent years, the Society has ventured into new and difficult areas and is now operating in 15 centres in different parts of the country with 54 paid workers having handed over 3 centres to nearby Churches. Our workers are paid only a meagre stipend to maintain themselves and there is a strong case to improve their conditions of service. There are also demands to open new centres in certain un-reached places.

In 1905 the Founding fathers of the Society estimated that 1/3 of the population had not been reached by the Gospel. To-day with the explosion of our population to 662 millions, the task before us is no less gigantic (even considering the growth of the Church during the intervening years) and calls for our wholehearted encouragement of and support to every effort to bring the realisation of our dream of "India for Christ" nearer. We would therefore appeal to every Pastor/leader in charge of the local Churches to spur us on in our common task by kindly arranging to observe the N.M.S. Sunday in their Churches on 8th October, 1978.

May we also hope it would be possible for you to ear-mark and send the offerings made at the service on that day for the support of the Society or make a special collection for the purpose. Money is, however, only a secondary consideration; unity in prayer on that Day is what we ardently seek.

Seeking your cooperation with prayers.

Yours in Him,

I. P. Andrews	**M. D. Selvaraj,**	**K. G. S. Dorairaj,**
Bishop of Kolhapur	Hon. Treasurer.	General Secretary
President		

N. B.:

If October 8th is not suitable to any congregation to observe the N. M. S. Sunday, they can observe the same on any other convenient Sunday.

Collections taken is the N.M.S. meetings and in the N. M. S. Sunday Service or by special collection may kindly be forwarded to the Honorary Treasurer, N. M. S., 206, Peters Road, Madras-14

Hints for meditation on N. M. S. Sunday

"For the love of Christ constraineth." 2 Cor. 5:14

"Owe, unto me, if I preach not the gospel." 1 Cor. 9:16.

Saul the pharisee of the pharisees, the persecutor of the christians, when confronted by Lord Jesus Christ on the Damuscus road, he got a wider and new vision of God and His purpose. God was not only holy, but He is love also. This love is revealed through His Son Jesus. Though Jesus was crucified, He lives and identifies Himself with the persecuted Christians. A new exprience, which urges him to act i. e. to love all people and feel the obligalion to preach the gospel to the Greeks and Barbarians to the civilized and uncivilized.

ACTIVE LOVE OF GOD

St. John says that God is love (1 John 3:8) and His love was revealed in His Son. (John 3:16 & 1 John 4:9-16) St. Paul says that God has shown us how much He loves us—while we were still sinners that Christ died for us. (Rom. 5:8).

The nature of the Divine love is active self-sacrificing which is ever active in the world. St. Paul describes the characteristics of love in his first letter to Corinthians and in the letter to Philipians the action of love in and through Christ. The love made the Son to humble Himself in obedience to His father even unto death —death on the cross. (Phil. 2:5-8)

The urge of love of Christ.

The love of God was manifested in Christ Jesus. This love is dynamic. When this made the enemy the chosen vessel, he feels that he cannot but love his fellowmen and feel that he is a debtor to preach the gospel to the civilised and as vage, to the educated and ignorant (Rom. 1: 14). So inspite of the opposition of Judaisers, poor health, the persecution h took the gospel to the gentiles across the Roman province and the continent. Our Lord's teaching is that we should love God and our neighbour. Our love to God must urge us to love our fellowmen and share the joy of salvation. If we fail St. John says that we are liars. Let us love God and love our fellowmen irrespective of caste, creed or race and be God's Children and show to the non Christians that God is with us.

Owe, unto me, if I preach not the Gospel.

The urge of the love of Christ made Paul to preach the gospel without enjoying any previleges as other apostles. He worked

and supported himself, but he did not take any pride because he was doing voluntarily. Preaching was not a matter of pride but he felt that it was his duty to preach. If he failed in that he felt accursed because he cannot help it. He felt the urgency to preach the gospel to all nations first and foremost.

One of the founders of the National Missionary Society of India the first General Secretary of the IMS and NMS made the candidates for baptism to say as they immersed under water, Owe unto me if I preach not the Gospel.

As we profess if we truely love God, that love should lead us to feel we are under obligation to preach the gospel to all people in our motherland.

Do we feel the constraint of the love of Christ, to preach the gospel to all people?

The following prayer may be used on NMS Sunday

PRAYER

O God, who made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on face of the earth, we thank you for sending your only Son to offer Himself as a perfect sacrifice for the salvation of all nations. We thank you for the formation of the National Missionary Society of India, in your own time, through your faithful servants to carry the GOOD NEWS to the unreached, in this country. We pray to you to bless all the missionary efforts particularly the work and workers of the National Missionary Society of India. Quicker the day in which all the people of our country may accept, confess and worship you as their one God and Saviour. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.—Amen.

The following Litany and prayer may be used on the NMS Sunday

Let us thank God.

For loving the world so much that you sent your only Son, to die for us and our sins, while we were yet sinners to give us life.

We thank you O, God

For the love of Christ your son which constrained St. Paul to feel the obligation to preach the gospel to all nations.

We thank you O, God.

For your love that constrained thy servants from many lands to bring the gospel to us, and establish your church in our country.

We thank you O, God.

When our churches failed to realise the constraint of your love, You in your own appointed time, urging your faithful sons to feel the obligation to preach the Gospel to their fellowmen in our country.

We thank you O, God.

For the formation of Indigenous missionary societies particularly the NMS with national objective to win India for Christ.

We thank you O, God.

For the union of denominations and formation of united Church and closer fellowship among the Churches.

We thank you O, God

For the increased and ever increasing realisation of the constraint of the love of Christ to reach the unreached with your GOOD NEWS.

We thank you O, God.

For increased cooperation and help by the Churches to the Indigenous missionary societies from the Churches.

We thank you O, God.

For undiminished interest in the spread of the gospel in the Churches like, St. Saviour's Church in Calcutta, St. John's Church Fort Vellore, St. Paul's Madras and Zion Church Madras and helping the NMS and other societies to send out missionaries.

We thank you O, God.

Various area committees and branches like Madras, Trivandrum, Thanjavur, Jabalpur, Dindigul and Kannlyakumari Diocesan Prayer band for their active support.

We thank you O, God.

For the fruitful work carried on in various fields of NMS, for committed workers, for converts and enquirers who in-spite of severe persecution are steadfast in their faith. specially in the fields, Kashmir Valley, Bihar and in other places.

We thank you O, God.

For God's guidance to the NMS in the past 73 years to fulfill her mission faithfully and for increased support and work.

We thank you O, God.

LET US PRAY FOR

1. The Churches and Christian communities in our motherland to feel the constraint of the love of Christ to reach the unreached living around them with the Good News.

   We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.

2. For all the Missionary societies both foreign and indigenous viz. IMS, NMS, FMPB, IEM working in our beloved mother land to cooperate and coordinate in the evangelistic task before them.

   We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.

3. Help us all te obey the leading of Thy spirit to work as one body of the one Lord and saviour.

   We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.

4. For evangelists who work in different centres of the NMS, under difficult circumstances and in lack of any Christian fellowship. especially for Mr. Tahir Masih, and Mr. Asghar Hussain Wahdi, in Kashmir and Bihar under constant threat, opposition and persecution.

   We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.

5. For the enquirers and converts, who are disowned by their families, rejected by their communities and driven out of their jobs, but still steadfast in their faith.

   We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.

6. The older Christians to receive these younger children of faith into fellowship and love of Christ.

   We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.

7. To get increased financial support to enhance the meagre stipend of our workers.

   We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.

8. For getting enough resources and committed men to meet new Challenges. Himachal Pradesh. and other unreached places.

   We beseech you to hear us, Good Lord.

REPORTS AND REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS

As per the programme of the itinerary of the General Secretary published in the last issue, the General Secretary visited Srinagar and he has seen the work personally, for which we have to thank God. Mr. Tahir Masih visits the whole valley of Kashmir, and its surrounding villages. 5 people were baptized and 5 more waiting to be baptized and there are 50 enquirers. The detailed report will appear in the next issue. Friends are requested to pray for the converts who an under difficult situation.

BIHAR:

Mr. A. H. Wahdi our Bihar worker reports that the case against him was taken up on 15th August '78 and was decided in favour of him. So our prayers had been heard. We are thankful to God. He was invited to do deputation work. Unfortunately he had stomach pain which was diagnosed to be inflammation of Gall Bladder. Further he had a telegram that his wife was dangerously ill and taken to the operation theatre. So he was forced to return. Both he and his wife are very committed evangelists and they were doing good work, under severe persecution and threat. Yet with trust in God and courage they had proclaimed the gospel. Friends are requested to remember Mr. & Mrs, Wahdi in their prayers and for their speedy recovery.

III WEST BENGAL:

The West Bengal Area Committee reports that Malligachi is running an unrecognised day school with the teacher who is a convert and an Evangelist Mr. Sat Ciddananda Somaddar has been appointed. Friends are requested to pray for this new Evangelist. This appointment involves an additional fund of Rs. 2400/- per year. The evangelists house is under bad repairs Needs urgent attention we also need funds

PURI:

The school is well attended. The usual pastoral work is carried on among the congregation members and Evangelistic work among the non-christians. There are people waiting for baptism because of the need for Pastoral care for the congregation. as recommended by the Committee on the recommendation of the Bishop of Cuttack, God willing Mr. G. Roshiah will be ordained in November. Friends are requested to pray for Mr. Roshiah who is to be ordained and for Mrs. Roshiah.

GUJARAT (PALANPUR)

Rev. Alfred Chowhan our Missionary of this area has joined duty at Palanpur and reports as follows: that this area is full of muslims. Though they were receptive to the Gospel message they were reluctant to accept Christ as their Saviour due to their faith in their Islamic law and precepts. It will take some time to convince these people. But he is regularly visiting the muslim families.

JAWADHI HILLS:

Rev. Paul Sanjeevi the missionary in charge reports that regular service in the centres and visit to the villages to contact non–christian have been done. Mrs. Santha Sanjeevi reports of the visit as a Bible woman to the villages and the people are receptive but they are afraid of confessing Christ openly It will take a very long time for them to accept Christ as their Saviour. A team from Bangalore visited the centre recently.

KALYANAMANTHAI:

Mr. Jesudoss reports that days are not far off for baptism. There is rich harvest. The people are very eagar to accept the good news. Certainly God will help us to reap a good harvest in the near future.

NADANOOR:

Saramma, Victorial and Nithyanandam report that sick are healed. On Lakshmanan was seriously ill and they were invifed to pray for him and give treatment. They went and prayed aud gave medicines. The next day he came walking to get medical help and is now healed completely. He bears witness that Jesus Christ saved him. A woman was seriously ill. They were asked to come and pray. They went and prayed. She had 103 6. fever. They gave medicine. The next day she was brought to the dispensary and her fever stopped. After staying for one day they prayed and sent her to her village. She is alright now. These tribal people see Christ in our Ministry but the fear of the tribal excommunication and the problem of livelihood make them to hesitate. They know from their experience that Jesus is the real saviour but they are not courageous to come out and accept Jesus. So the baptism is delayed till the time they get courage to face the persecution.

SIKKIM

Mr. V. T. Abraham writes ' In our Sunday school there are many Hindu students and we visit the villages regularly distributing literature. They request prayers''.

OBITUARY

We regret to inform our readers that **Mrs. E. James** the ex-principal of St Christopher's Teachers Training College for women in Madras passed away. She and her family members took keen interest in the NMS and were helpful. Her sincerity and integrity was such that I was informed that she would not use office vehicle for her other engagements We pray that God may give the eternal joy and His fellowship to the departed friend of the Society and grant necessary consolation and peace to the members of the breaved family

We also regret to inform the readers about the death of **Miss Vimala Appasami** the principal Vidhyodaya Girl's School. The Appasami's were closely associated with the NMS from the beginning and did much to the society. She also helped the women's Auxilery by active participation. We pray that God may grant her his eternal joy and His fellowship. We pray that God may grant consolation and peace to the bereaved kith and kin.

URGENT APPEAL

Friends might have read in the News papers, heard from the Radio news and some might have seen in the Television about the havoc done by the recent flood in North India, affecting Hariyana, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and West Bengal resulting in loss of property and Life. We have seen something of the damage done during our tour in North India. It is a National calamity. The National Missionary Society of India being a National Christian Organisation should share in the relief and rehabilitation work of the people affected. Being indigenious missionaty Society we cannot do much. But we should do what we can in the interest of the Nation. We are very thankful to the Friends who were very generous in the response to our appeal in the cyclone relief. What we received were sent to Andhra and Tamilnadu Governors.

So because of the circumstances prevailing, I appeal in the NMI of India to our friends and readers to contribute generously to the flood Relief Fund. Please treat this appeal as urgent one and respond soon and send your kind contribution stating Flood

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Relief to the Hony. Treasurer, The National Missionary Society of India, 206, Peters Road, Royapettah, Madras-600014.

Hoping to have a good response and thanking you.

General Secretary.

INFORMATION

Because of the flood situation the General Secretary and the Organising Secretary for North India were forced to cancel further programme from Delhi from 13th September onwards and return to Headquarters.

Executive Director for International Charity

Helpage International applies business expertise to charitable fund-raising and now wishes to appoint for HELPAGE INDIA a full-time Executive Director (Fund raising) for South India, to complement parallel posts in the West and North.

This permanent post affords the unique chance to use marketing and management skills to help develop and expand Helpage India's existing fund-raising initiatives, which support indigenous welfare schemes for the aged. Present commitments of Rs 14.79 lakhs in four Southern States expected to double by the end of 1979.

Candidates *must* have thorough experience of field sales management and the ability to motivate, direct and evaluate the work of existing fund-raising officers; have a proven record in selling or entrepreneurial activity; be over 45 years of age and able to show a deep commitment to social work; speak fluently English and at least two appropriate Indian languages; currently reside in Bangalore or Madras with own telephone and car; be prepared to undertake frequent travel within South India.

For this full-time and demanding post a srarting salary of Rs. 2,000 p.m is offered, plus certain allowances and expenses.

Those interested should send full personal details and state how *all* the above qualifications are met to: Philip Jackson, Director for Asia, Helpage International, 32, Dover St., London W1A 2AP. Applications must arrive by October 31st and be accompanied by a passport-size photo.

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PACIFIC SCHOOL

PRAYER

O, Lord help us through your Holy Spirit, to participate in your gospel by our prayers, by sending more men and by our giving, so that your gospel be preached to all nations first in your name we pray — Amen.

MEDITATION

PARTICIPATION IN YOUR GOSPEL

"I thank God.....for your partnership in the Gospel". Phil. 1: 5. St. Paul thanks God in his letters for the manifold gifts and blessings received by the respective congregations but only to the church at Philipi he writes that He thanks God for their "Partnership in the Gopel". For no other church stood by him in his missionary task as the Phillippians.

How did they partake in his task?

Prayer

We learn from St. Paul's letters that he never ceased in praying for his congregation. He also urged them to pray for him and his companions. The congregation at Philippi followed him in his task by their prayers. "Prayer bringeth concern". The prayer support is primary support needed for missionary work. Many of the Gospel workers will vouch that their ministry is due to the prayers of their friends. Philippian Church participated in the Gospel by their prayers.

By sending persons

When the church heard of St. Paul's need for personnel, they sent EPAPHRODITUS. St. Paul calls him as his brother, companion in labour and fellow soldier. He was of great use to him.

Participation in the gospel does not end with either supporting one missionary or supporting one missionary financially. As the work increases there is demand for more workers. So as the Philippians did we need to send additional men as helpers.

By monetery help

St. Paul says that the Philippians church was the only church that helped when he began his missionary work from Macedonia, and now once again they sent help through Epaphroditus. This help was sent to Paul without himself making an appeal to them. This action was because of their prayer for Paul and his ministry which created concern in them. II Corin. 8: 2-5 they gave in their poverty. So the Philippian Church became participants in the gospel by their prayer for missionary work, by sending men to help and also money.

What is our participation in the great task of reaching unreached in India and the surrounding countries with Gospel? Philippians Church stands as a model. Shall we follow the philippian Church ?

REPORTS FROM FIELDS AND REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

KASHMIR:

Mr Tahir Masih, our evangelist is real sadhu who wanders through the length and breadth of the valley with the burden to give the Gospel to his people inspite of violence against him. He was beaten. His feet were frost bitten and hurt because he wandered in winter on snow covered tracts. By his work five believers were baptised and another five waiting for baptism. There are 50 enquirers from all parts of Kashmir. These enquirers face much persecution. Some were disowned by their families. Some of them lost their jobs. Yet when the General Secretary met them these was glow of happiness in their faces and found them firm in their faith. The work is carried on in close cooperation and under the direction of All Saints Church at Srinagar. The people who met Mr. Tahir feel that he is a God chosen fine man. Prayers are requested for the sustained strength for the evangelist and the believers.

BAGESHWAR:

Mr. B. R. Singh reports that the Deputy superintendent of the Methodist Church Almore visited the centre on 2—9—1978 quarterly conference. He was glad about the preaching work there. Visitors after called the evangelist and wanted to know about Christianity. Prayers are requested for these people so that the Holy Spirit may work in them.

NEPAL & SIKKIM:

Mr. V. T. Abraham visited Nepal and reports that 18 believers were arrested for propagation of faith. 12 of them were released on bail on a security of Rs. 18,000/- (Nepal coin). The rest are in jail. The case has to be heard. In this situation Mr Lal Bahadur Rana our worker had been to Kathmandu, thus he narrowly escaped the arrest. The forces against the gospel have been very active recently in Nepal. Prayers are requested for the believers.

In Sikkim: Abraham had a chance to preach. Prayers are requested for him.

BIHAR SHARIF:

Mr. Wahdi writes that his wife is in sick bed and is in a very hopeless condition. Prayers are requested for her speedy recovery. Mr. Azhar a new young man who accepted the Christ had given his testimony as follows:

"My sister who is a little far behind of my picture was on the deathbed, my mother and father both lost hope of her recovery. In the meantime Mr. A. A. Wahdi who had been coming to my residence came to me and advised me to pray to the Lord Jesus for the recovery of my sister. He also prayed for my sister's health. I prayed incessantly as Mr. Wahdi said. After passing three days my sister Rukhsana recovered from her severe illness and I accepted Christ as my Saviour for which I am very thankful to the Almighty God. Hope that my mother and father also shall accept Christ as their Saviour. Please pray for me in His Service."

PURI:

Independence day was celebrated in a fittest manner in the school at Puri. The evangelist requests prayers for the students and their parents.

BABINA:

Rev. Edwin Sherring reports that God has healed Mr. T. G. Cunningham through prayers, and there was heavy rain in and around Basina.

RAJASTHAN:

Rev. Padam Singh has resigned his job with effect from 1—9—1978.

JAWADHI HILLS:

The Missionary and workers are regularly visiting the villages and have personal contracts with people. Mr. Jesudoss is conducting night school regularly at Kalyamanthai. Mrs. Santha Sanjivi reports that the people are hearing the gospel happily. But still they are sticking in their own culture.

KUNDALATHUR:

Mr. O. James Meyyan reports from Kundalathur that people and students are coming to the centre every Saturday and Sunday for prayer. Some of the students belive that Jesus Christ is the only true God. Sri Kuppuswamy Gounder is a well to do person in Jawadhi Hills. His son named Ramakrishnan who is studying IX standard in the Forest High School, Jamnamarathur had accepted Jesus Christ as his personal saviour. Now he is a witness to the tribal people and students in school.

NADANUR:

Mr. S. Nithyanandam reports that few tribal people are ready for baptism. Rev J. J. Pratt, Dr. Pullimood, Dr C. K. Job and Mrs. Job from St John's Church at Vellore visited the centre on 3—9—78. They have suggested to dig a well in the N M. S. compound and to open a hospital at Nadanur. Miss. Saramma George reports that a young lady from Puthur village was having severe fever and swelling all over the body. She prayed for the young lady and gave medicines. The young lady was alright after two days. Her brother believes that Jesus Christ healed his sister. Mrs. Victorial our worker reports that one Nagammal was

in her death bed. The N. M. S. workers at Nadanur went to her house and saw her. All her relatives lost their hope. But her brother by name Kuppuswamy told his relatives that if the N.M S. workers prayed his sister will be alive. The N. M. S. workers prayed and gave medicines. The woman was healed and she is doing well now.

ALLERI :

Messrs. S. V. Jeyaraj Samuel and G. A. Raju our workers at Alleri request prayers for the following.:

1. Vellaiammal who is suffering from Palsy.
2. Inappan who is suffering from Leprosy.

The report that the members of the Salam Prayer Band came from Bangalore and visited all the N.M.S. centres at Jawadhi Hills from 15—8—78 to 23—8—78. They held meetings at Jamnamarathur, Athipattu, Kalyanamandai, Kundalathur and Alleri. During their visit a woman who was seized by evil spirit was cured The workers are conducting prayer meetings every evening. Large number of people attend these meetings Prayers are requested for these people so that the Holy Spirit may work in them.

ATHIPET :

Mr. J. Paulian our worker at Athipet reports that Chinnakanni has accepted Jesus Christ as her saviour.

VEERAPANNUR :

Mr. V. Vetharaj Daniel our worker at Veerapanur reports that a big cocoanut fell on his head during June. He had pain for about a week. Then he had no pain. Then he got pain in head, eye and ear after forty days. He is now undergoing treatment. He requests prayers for his cure. Over 30 children attend the night school from 7-30 to 11- p.m. everyday. They are very happy Prayers are requested for these children. In the rain the present rented house for the worker had fallen. A new rented house has been arranged for his stay. There is an urgent need to build a house.

KALANAMANDAI :

Mr. M. Jesudas reports from Kalyanamanthai that one man in Nattamathur is ready to accept Jesus Christ as his saviour. He

trusts that he can find fruit among the people at Kalyanamanthai. Prayers are requested for his work.

THONGUMALAI :

Rev. C. Velmurugan, missionary at Thongumalai reports that Re. Stephen Sundersingh, Lecturer of Tamil Nadu Theological Seminary, Rev. W. J. Milton Jeganathan of Mission Institute and students of the T.T.S. Chandramohan, Rajendran, Jeyapaul David, Kirubakaran, Vijayan, Joshua, Bright Josei Gnanadoss and Stephen visited the centre. from 15—8—78. They did tremendous work and the people were benefited spiritually physically and mentally. The T. T. S. is interested in the following projects.

1. Tribal Evangelism
2. Medical Work
3. Regular Day School
4. Adult Education
5. Counselling
6. Model farm
7. Cooperative stores

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A NOVEL FEATURE OF FLOWERS ROAD MADRAS N. M. S. SUNDAY SCHOOL

To relieve the monotony of meeting at the same place under the same environment, Sunday after Sunday, one of the 3 families Mr. & Mrs. David responsible for this Sunday School Invited the teachers and the children about 40 in number to their home and conducted a competition in reciting Scripture verses, singing songs and telling Bible stories. Prizes were distributed to the five top children by the Chief Guest, Miss. Lt. Lazarus of the Salvation Army, who also gave a short and sweet message to the children.

After the programme was finished by Mr. Nesamony, the Manager of the school, light refreshments were served to all. Mr. Santiago, one of the active teachers of the school proposed a vote of thanks to all concerned. Mr. G. Solomon closed the meeting with Prayer and Benediction.

URGENT APPEAL

Friends might have read in the Newspapers, heard from the Rodio news and some might have seen in the Television about the havoc done by the recent flood in North India, affecting Hariyana, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and West Bengal resulting in loss of property and life. We have seen something of the damage done during our tour in North India. It is a National calamity. The National Missionary Society of India being a National Christian Organisation should share in the relief and rehabilitation work of the people affected. Being indigenious Missionary Society we cannot do much. But we do what we can in the jnterest of the Nation. We are very thankful to the Friends who were very generous in the response to our appeal in the cyclone relief. What we received were sent to Andhra and Tamil Nadu Governors. We are thankful to the friends who have responded to our appeal. Trusting that the amount will be

recouped, we have already sent Rs. 1000/- to the national flood relief fund. So far we have received Rs. 260/-

As we well aware of the alarming situation in the northern states, I earnestly appeal in the N. M. I. to our friends and readers to contribute generously to the flood Relief Fund. Please treat this appeal as URGENT one and respond soon and send your kind contribution stating Flood Relief to the Hony. Treasurer, The National Missionary Society of India, 206, Peters Road, Royapettah, Madras-600014

Hoping to have a good response and thanking you.

General Secretary

FLOOD RELIEF RECEIPTS UPTO 18—10—78

	Rs.	P.
Mrs. E. M. Sant Singh	50	00
Mrs. S. Thangasamy	5	00
Mrs. Daisy	50	00
Miss. P. Gurumanikam	5	00
Mr. C. K. Koshy	50	00
Mr. I. Immanuel	100	00
	260	00

PLATINUM JUBILEE MEMORIAL BUILDING FUND—CUM—WORKERS' RELIEF ENDOMENT FUND

Amount received upto 19—10—78

1.	Mr. Thomas Bauliah	(5th instalment)	100	00
2.	Mr. Leela Yesudian	(10th instalment)	100	00
3.	Mrs. Samuel Daniel	(3rd & 4th instalment)	100	00
4.	Dr. M. Santhosham	(4th instalment)	100	00
5.	Mr. G. N. Durairaj	(6th & 7th instalment)	60	00
6.	Mr. N.R.D. Ezekiel	(4th, 5th, & 6th instalment)	300	00
7.	Mr. D. R. Vedamuthu	(2nd & final instalment)	900	00
8.	Mr. W. A. F. Hopper (in memory of his father Mr. S. T. A. Hopper, B.A., L.T.)		1000	00
9.	Dr. V. Emmanuel		1000	00
10.	Mrs. A. Rajaratnam (in memory of her late beloved husband Sri A. R. Rajaratnam, I. A. S.)		1000	00
11.	Mrs. E. S. Raghaviah	(1st & 2nd instalment)	200	00
12.	Dr. A. C. D. Muthu		1000	00
13.	Mr. P. K. John		1000	00
14.	Mrs. S. S. Saravana (in memory of her dear father)	(1st instalment)	250	00
15.	Mr. M. Suvisheshamuthu	(1st instalment)	100	00
16.	Mr. R. Jeyakumar (in memory of Rt. Rev. A.G. Jebaraj, B.A., B.D. late Bishop of Tirunelvelli)		1000	06
17.	Mrs. Lizzie Joseph, M.A.	(1st. instalment)	100	06
18.	Mrs. P. S. Gnanam (in memory of her beloved husband Mr. D. S. Gnanam)	(1st & 2nd instalment)	200	00
19.	Mrs. P. Philip (through Mrs. D. V. Lyall—Allahabad)		500	00
20.	Mr. H. Victor Christdas	(1st instalment)	100	00
21.	Mrs. P. V. Syamalamba		1000	00
22.	Dr. J. Azariah, M.Sc., Ph.D.,		1000	00
			11110	00
	Amount already received as published in the N. M. I. for August '78		29374	36
		Total	40484	36

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Thro' Mr. G. V. Qadir

Lucknow branch	500	00

Thro' Mr. A. B. David

Jhansi branch	527	35
Mr. J. Das, Kanpur	300	00

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Mr. W. P S muel, Allahabad	10	00
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Mr. & Mrs H. Mathews	10	00
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	2136	15

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	349	00

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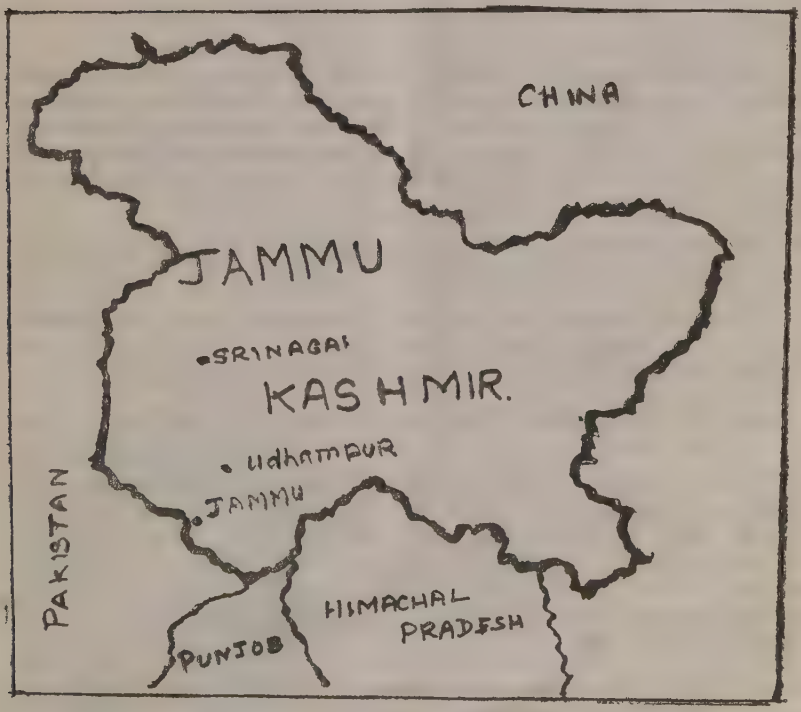


PRAYER

Almighty God! give us grace that we may wait, pray and proclaim the Gospel among all nations, so that You may quicken the day of Your son Christ's coming again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead and that we may rise to the life immortal through Him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Ghost now and for ever. —*Amen.*

MEDITATION

"This Jesus, who was taken from you into heaven will come back in the same way that you saw Him go to heaven." Acts 1: 11 (T.E.V.)

We are nearing the advent season hence it is good to meditate on Lord's Second coming. Almost all christian sects believe that our Lord Jesus will come. But some of the christians are confused with various attempts to predict the time of His coming. So we are led to meditate on some of the points our Lord Himself had said about His second coming.

1. Then the **Son of Man will appear,** coming in the clouds with great power and glory. (Mark 13: 26).

Our Lord asserts that He will come again with no uncertain words. Angels confirm the same (Acts 1:11) The Church awaits for His coming and affirms her waiting in her creed.

2. **No one can predict the time of His coming.** (Mark 13: 32)

There had been attempts to mark the time of His coming again but failed in their attempts. Signs are read and predicted. But our Lord has warned us not to be deceived by false prophets and reading signs. He said that "such things must happen but they do not mean that the end has come". (Mark 13:7) No one knows the time except God the Father and not even the son. (Mark 13:32 & Acts 1: 7)

3. **But before the end comes the gospel must be preached to all people.**

Our Lord's condition for cosummation is that the gospel should be preached to all people. Every creature of His creation must have a chance either to accept Him or reject Him as his or her saviour. God is love. His love is such that He does not want any to perish. (John 3:16) This is the time of grace given to all

Christians and non-christians. We christians who talk so much about our Lord's second coming must fulfil the condition and take the gospel to all people. Millions in our own mother land have not heard the Gospel. Whose responsibility is that

Our Lord had warned us and guided us to WAIT, Pray and to PREACH. Let us examine ourselves how we can quicken his Second coming.

The General Secretary's Tour in North India with Mr. Paul Singh Organising Secretary for North India

The General Secretary left Madras on 17th August '78 and met Mr. Paul Singh at Ittarsi on 18th proceeded to Jummu and reached there on 21st night at 8-30 p.m. Unlike the last trip in 1975 we were not confronted with any obstacles like landslide, bus breakdown etc., By providence we continued the journey by 21st morning. As we did not stay at Jummu we could not meet the Bishop of the Diocese the Rt. Rev. Aziz William. The journey took 13 hours to reach Srinagar, first part covering up and down valley of the Jummu mountains to reach the 9000 feet and to cross the tunnel of 8535 ft. which opened the view of the beautiful Kashmir valley. It was a strenous journey though with pleasant scenes.

As our friends did not expect us at Srinagar, it was a great surprise to them that we were 2 days early. We spent in Kashmir valley staying at Srinagar from 22nd to 31st August '78. We were met by our worker Mr. Tahir Masih, Rev. Yonathan Paljor and Luka Hassan ono of our converts. We were kindly lodged in the parsonage. Unexpectedly we met Rev. Father Chatterji who was the prime major for the Nabagram project. He was intending to be in Nabagram and to work, unfortunately his health failed and the Bishop did not allow him. He has undiminished interest in the N.M.S. and its activities Though we could not meet him often whenever we met he had pleasant conversation about the N.M.S. activities. Mr. Tahir Masih was eager to take us to all places of contact but it was impossible for us to spend much money so

Mr. Tahir Masih

we had to confine to certain places of visit in Srinagar and Anand Nath and to the places around it.

In our conversation with Rev. Yonathan Paljor we heard about the work of Tahir. He had only praises for him. He and the converts have some troub e through one of the enquirers who turned hostile. He wanted to disturb the whole group of co nverts and enquirers among the muslims in Srinagar. So some of the converts had to face problems and persecutions because of that.

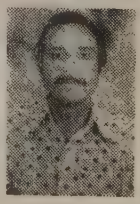
We met Rev. & Mrs, John Ray the Missionary & Principal of the Tindail Biscoe School. We had good time in hearing about the various activities of Tahir and they were of help and strength to Tahir and the converts. We renewed our friendship with Mr. & Mrs. Takurdas. We had a long conversation about the activities of the N.M.S. in other places and of the work of Tahir. He put before us a new challenge about Himachal Pradesh which is an unreached place having 1% christian population.

On 23rd we met Namoona the woman teacher. A testimony of her had already appeared in the N.M.I. She accepted Christ when she was a student in the school final class. Though her faith is not disturbed, she had many problems, which are personal. They must be cleared before confessing her Master openly by baptism.

Namoona

Though she abstained from usual prayers of muslim family, the people have not suspected her. She with her sister continues in faith. I was very much impressed with her faith. In between we have to do much office work and translation of prayer call in Hindi.

We visited Ananth Nath. where Mr. Xavier, who is the Manager of The Bishop John Memorial Hospital. From there we went to Frizul, the village of our converts Mr. Marcus. On the way we visited Zanapura, another village of another convert Mr. Yusuf. Here we were forbidden to enter the village because of the conversion of Mr. Yusuf who is an Headmaster and Manager of Schools at Srinagar. So we could not enter the village.



Mr. Yousef

We visited Mr. Marcus home. They received us well. But the people seeing us as strangers came to see us. When they understood that we were

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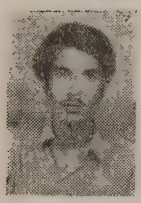
MR. TAHIR MASIH



Marcus

christians they left angrily saying 'ANGRUZ' that means Christians. Marcus an young man was teacher in a school. When the people came to know that he was baptized he was sent out of his job. His father is the Imam of the village. When I met him I saw in the father's face the unhappiness but he did not disown his son. Marcus brother was there and he received a copy of Urdu Bible. We had dinner and prayers and left the village. Because Marcus father is the Imam of the village the people did not do much harm.

Anandnath hospital is a well equipped hospital with nurses training school. Mr. Xavier was telling about the work and said thathe needed an Evangelist to work for the Hospital. We are thankful to Mr. & Mrs. Xavier for their kind hospitality.

We returned to Srinagar and went around the places to visit the converts and enquirers. So far 5 muslims had been baptized 5 are still to be baptised and there are 50 more enquirers. In addition to these there are many.

Everyone was impressed with Tahir. He is a man of God with a vision that Kashmir was his field. He wanders far and wide in the valley not caring for his food or health. He travels beyond his travel allowance permits him to do. He had not asked for more. He does not care for the same, but he had spent all his provident fund saving he had while he was a teacher. But a study of his work makes us to feel that he should be given Rs. 50/- per month to enable him to traval. Tahir's life is, like that of a Sadhu.

The Church has kindly given Him a room, some utensils and mattresses. As per the Kashmiri custom he has entertained people when they visited him. We are very very grateful to All Saints Church for their cooperation, help and guidance in our work. Tahir is not a good cook. He managed to give us food on one or two occasions.

THE CONVERTS AND THE STATE

We met 3 of the 5 baptized Mr. Yusuf, the Headmaster, Mr. Marcus, Mr. Luke Hassan. We tried to meet Mr. Manzur Masih but we could not. The other one a Nepalee who has left for Nepal. Yusuf had to be separated from his family because his wife

and parents did not want him to stay with him nor willing to receive him into the family. Being a Manager and Headmaster of the school he is able to snpport himself and also send support to the family. The children come and go. They are the only link between him and the family. Because of his family 6 people had to vacate his village leaving house, property and everything and moved to Srinagar to live in a small 6' x 3' room. Inspite of their poverty they gav dinner to us. But none complained about their state. We were really moved by the conditions of the family and their living. Marcus is temporilly employed as literature distrbutor by the Bible Society at the recommendation of Rev. Paljor. These 3 though had very difficult situation in their life they did not ma e any complaint about it. The Bishop also expressed that he was struck by their ability to stand against the difficult situations. Manzur is virtually under confinement. He is closely watched. He is not allowed to talk even to his own brother Yusuf. So the situation is very difficult. But they are very cheerful in the Lord.

Hassan

I met Miss Usha a graduate preparing for the M.A. She belongs to a Hindu Pandit's family. A very cheertul young womon attends regularly the church service, and we had a talk with her. This shows that Mr. Tahir's work does not confine to Muslims only but all communities.

These converts are disowned by the family, driven out of the village, and thrown out of their jobs. There is urgent need to rehabilitate them without creating a sense of dependent by making them to earn their livelihood by learning the state handicraft, carpet making and carpentary etc., Mr. Tahir trys his best to rehabilitate them. But it is necessary to train them. For that art we need tc pay Rs. 500/- per mensem for the Instructor and also purchase of material. Rev. Paljor told me that we need atleast Rs. 25.000 - to run the Training Centre. Members are requested to pray that God should show us a way to feed this people.

On our way we met Bishop Aziz William, Bishop of that Diocese who said that the Spirit of God has began to move in the Kashmir valley but we need committed men, resources and prayers from friends. He was very much impressed by the converts when he met them. Rev, Paljor and Mrs. John Ray are source of great strength to this converts and do their best to help them.

Mr. Tahir is very much concerned that there should not be any feeling of dependency to the need of converts on the church or any other sources. He prays and plans to do things. So with the heartful of thanks to God we came to Punjab on 3rd Sept: 78.

DEPUTATION PUNJAB : Sept. 2nd & 3rd, Jullunder

In Jullender we stayed with Dr. Theophillus, one of the trustees of Sadhu Sunder Singh trust. He kindly arranged for service at our request in the United Mission Institute Church and to preach in the church. We are grateful for Rev. Ray for giving us the pulpit and assurance to support the N M.S.

While staying with Dr. Theophilus, his daughter, son-in-law with child as usual visited them in the weekend. Both the families contributed Rs. 300/- to Mr. Tahir.

LUDHIANA 4th & 5th Sept. '78

In Ludhiana we stayed with Rev. Inayat Khan of Christ Church. We visited the Bishop of Chandigarh Rt. Rev. Arjun Maccune. After discusssing things concerning Sadhu Sunder Singh Trust, he felt atleast a school need to be started in memory of Sadhu Sunder Singh in his own village Rampur. Bishop was much concerned that where his conversion occured in his own village Rampur a school to be started. Bishop informed us his idea of doing Evangelistic work in his Diocese. He said that Evangelistic work means a modern equipment such as band, amplifier, projector etc., which cost atleast Rs. 1,50,000/- His diocese needs 5 units. So he proposes to make 'Patha Yatra' district by district by spending one month in each district. We contacted the minister of the Calvary church Rev. S. P. Titus. Here we had a chance of visiting Sadhu Sunder Singh village at Rampur. We were unfortunate that his elder brother was out in Delhi so we could not go into the house but Sadhu Sunder Singh's brother's grandson who lived adjourning the house welcomed us and informed us about what we heard and knew about Sadhu.

CHANDIGARH : 6th to 10th

We started from Ludhiana at 9-30 a.m. In the bus we were asked to load our things in the bus saying that the bus was going to Chandigarh. It was full of passengers. Mr. Paul Singh having loaded the luggage on the top was standing to get the ticket. Suddenly the driver got into the seat and announced that the bus was not going and the people were leaving the bus in a hurry. Mr. Paul Singh immediately came and unloaded the things from the top of the bus. As he unloaded two things and as he was coming down with the heavy box, the bus moved and he was hanging in the ladder with the heavy load on his head. By God's Grace a person who was standing in front of the bus saw this and shouted to the driver to stop the bus. Thus by God's Grace the major accident which would have occured had been stopped.

This is the second incidence I faced in Ludhiana. In my last trip when late Mr. A. V. Singh was almost sqeezed in the crowd while he was getting his ticket lost Rs 10/-. This time we lost Rs 50/- Thanking God for His mercy we proceeded to Chandigarh by 1.30 p.m.

Though Rev. Meqbul Caleb, the Presbyter of the Christ Church was not in the station he was kind enough to make arrangements for our stay in the guest room. But we were at a loss to know what to do in the absence of him Late Rev. Dr. Kennet Masih has appointed Mr. K. D. M. Khan as Secretary for the branch. So we enquired about him and we were misinformed that he was not in the town. As we were puzzled, God was Gracious enough to let us know that Mr. Khan was in Chandigarh and so we contacted him. He was kind enough to make arrangements for our hospitality and for conducting prayer meeting and also to visit our friends.

Punjab State was our first centre but all the old friends we met remarked that N M.S. does nothing in Punjab, having in mind the 3 present states, So this demand has to be considered.

While we were in Chandigarh we heard about the flood and the disruption to the road and rail traffic, so we were forced to stay on 9th. in Chandigarh. It was God's will that we should stay in Chandigarh on 9th. On 9th evening I was invited to address a Pastorate Committee of the Christ Church which on the spot in response to our appeal granted Rs. 500/- and on 10th morning we had the privilege to address the congregation in the Hindustani service. So we thanked God for this privilege for detaining in Chandigarh for 2 days. Two things we heard in the service. As the presbyter announced one Rev. Khanna the assistant Presbyter of the church was much attracted by Sadhu Sundar Singh and his life and he was challenged to take that way of life in Evangelism and left for Himachal Pradesh at Kujrak in the hilly regions. The other thing we heard was the detailed programme of the 'Patha Yatra' of Bishop Arjun Maccune. Patha Yatra is not new to our people but I was very much struck that a Bishop of modern age prefered to take 'Patha Yatra' for Evangelistic purpose. There are two advantages in that, it was not only indegenous but it inspires its congregation to involve themselves in Evangelistic task in their own diocese.

It is more personal than amplifier, then modern equipment to come in contact with the non christians and also set an example to the Presbyter and the congregation. So we appreciate all his efforts. By 12-30 we left for Delhi. Until we reached Delhi before 10 miles we did not feel the effect of flood except to see

some stretches of water here and there. At a point 10 miles away from Delhi we were directed to divert our route along a rugged and clumsy road, since the trunk road was not fit for travel and still there was water. On the way we saw long stretches of water submerging the plants, half drowned houses and buildings. As we entered the city we found refugees sitting along with the things they can take on the road side and the relief work going on. We were in Delhi on 10th night by 8 p.m.

DELHI :

In Delhi usually we use to be accommodated in the Guest room at Methodist Christ Church but being now occupied by CASA Agents who did relief work, we were arranged to stay by Mr. Daniel Yunas at the Marble house guest room. We visited Mr. Seymoor, the President of the branch who has been seriously ill. We were shocked of the state of his health. We were kindly received by him and discussed about the Area Committee Activities. Then he directed us to meet Mr. Brown, the present Secretary of the Area and Rev. Bajjan and other friends. However we tried and we could not meet Rev. Bajjan. As he was out Mr. Brown and Mr. Daniel Yunas arranged two prayer meetings in different parts. I visited Ashram area and addressed a meeting. I was very much pleased and thanked God that the Delhi Area Committee is becoming more active and forming branches. I am very very grateful to Mr. Brown, Mr. Daniel Yunas and others for putting life and forming branches in Delhi area. I hope it would grow. Friends are requested to pray for this branch.

Subsequently I heard that Mr Seymoor was moved to Chandigarh for treatment and he has resigned his long standing area committee due to his health. Though he has resigned he would not loose his interest in the Society's activities.

Though we had no time to visit flood affected area we saw the condition in the T. V. The loss of prosperty was great and the loss of life was few. This is a National Calamity. We planned to leave Delhi by 13th to Bairelly but we were informed that road link and the railway was affected due to flood and they were not certain about the day when it would resume. So we decided to cancel further programme and to return to Madras. So we thanked God for His guidance in our work and for the work of Kashmir and for the people's interest which is still undiminished. But we need more in every place to keep up NMS activities going on. Friends are requested to pray for this need.

REPORTS FROM FIELDS AND REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

KASHMIR:

Mr. Tahir Masih reports that prayers are requested for Mr. Mohamed Amir who was baptized on 22-10-78.

MADHYA PRADESH:

Rev. Edwin Sherring reports that he is doing gospel work in 16 villages having his headquarters at Basai.

BIHAR SHARIFF:

Mr. A. H. Wahdi reports that a girl and a boy have professed faith in Lord Jesus and new faces appear at his door to hear the gospel.

JAWADHI HILLS:

Rev. Paul Sanjeevi reports that he went to kalyanamandai with the Organising Secretary on Sunday the 15th of October and addressed a meeting. Many tribal people came forward to give witness and among them one girl stood up and gave witness. She openly told the gathering that if any obstacle came she will die for Christ.

PUDUR:

Mrs. Esther Robertson reports that the Headmaster and his family are helping her in her work. Prayers are requested for them.

KUNDALATHUR:

Mr. O. James Meyyan requests prayers for one Kuppa Gounder and his seven children for their spiritual growth and conversion.

KALYANAMANDAI:

Messrs. Jesudas and P. Rajaian are working here. They experience speedy spiritual awakening.

ATHIPET:

Mr. J. Paulian reports that some persons have got faith in Jesus Christ but they fear to openly accept Him. Prayers are requestedfor them.

VEERAPPANUR:

The worker Mr. Vedaraj Daniel had started a day school at Kuniyantheru with six adults. He is conducting Sunday school at Veerappanur with 35 children. Prayers are requested for the work.

ALLERI:

Messrs S. V. Jeyaraj Samuel and G. A. Raju request prayer for one Chinnian of Paraikottai and Sevathan and their families.

NADANUR:

The work in Nadanoor is being done under the leadership of Mr. S. V. Thondaiman. Mr. S. Nithyanandam, Miss Sarammal George and Mrs. Y. Victorial are doing gospel work there. Prayers are requested for the hill people who hear the gospel at Nadanur.

REPORT OF THE ORGANISING SECRETARY

North Tamil Nadu—Mr. George Joseph the Organising Secretary of Tamil Nadu was on deputation. He visited Ambur, Tirupattur, Jolarpet, Dharmapuri, Hosur, Krishnagiri, Bayur, Salem, Bavani; Erode, Thirupur, Coimbatore, Dindigul, Madurai, Manamadurai, & Tanjore. He & Mr. P. Rajaian have spoken about NMS in various churches schools, and colleges. Mr. A. H. Wahadi went to Salem and had addressed two meetings. He had to return to Bihar Shariff as he received a telegram stating that his wife was seriously ill. He was also taken ill at Salem. They are now doing well.

NEWLY ELECTED OFFICE BEARERS OF THE TIRUVALLA BRANCH

President — Mr. P. S. George, B. A., B. L.,

Treasurer — Mr. I. Kuruvilla, B. A.

Joint Secretaries — Mr. Sam Phillip, M. Sc.,
Mrs. I. Kurien and 12 Committee members

Newly elected office bearers in the new branch of the NMS at Kozhuvalloor, Venmany, Kerala State.

President — Rev. T. M. Phillipose

Secretary & Treasurer — Sri M. K. Mathai and 5 committee members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. We are glad to inform our readers that the marriage of Mr. S. V. Jeyaraj Somuel our worker at Alleri with Miss Sarammal George our nurse at Nadanur will be solomonised at 5 p.m. on Wednesday the 22nd of November at St. John's Church Fort—Vellore. Friends are requested to pray for them.

2. Pastor G. Rossiah was ordained as a Presbyter in the church on 12-11-78 at Puri by the Bishop in Cuttack. Prayers are requested for him.

3. Mrs. J. Paulian wife of Mr. J. Paulian worker at Athipet had given birth to a famale child on 30—10—78 in the hospital at Neyyour after caessarian operation, Friends are requested to pray for them.

TANJORE BRANCH

The Annual Sale of the Tanjore Branch was held at 2 p.m. on 2—10—78 in St. Peter's Church compound under the presidentship of Rev Selwyn. The following presbyters Reverends T. Arulmanikam, Joseph Doraikan, Sargunam, and Anantharaj were present.

The congregation of the different Denominations have partipated.

The General Secretary and organising Secretary for North Tamil Nadu Mr. George Joseph & Mr. -. Rajaian of Jawadhi were also present and did deputation for a days before the sale. The sale was done enthusiastically. We are thankful to the branch secretary Mr. Stanley Ponniah, Mrs. Annam Ponnuswamy, & Mr. Solomon Rajiah and the host of other friends, who participated in the sale We have received the first instalment of Rs. 2700/-. We thank God for His mercies, and we are grateful for those who participated in the Sale.

AN APPEAL FOR CHRISTMAS CHEER

Dear friends,

The Christmas, the festival of JOY is fast approaching. The society is ever greatful to all the friends who helped the society to CHEER the workers of the N.M.S. on this happy season by their

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liberal contribution in the past. The N.M.S. missionaries are in the most difficult places, devoid of any Chrisiian fellowship and without chances of participating in Christian festivities. Some of them can not even attend a Christmas service. They are in such places on our behalf carrying the Good News of Salvation to the unreached people, in all states of our country.

The late Bishop Joshi initiated the CHRISTMAS CHEER to workers in the Executive meeting under his chairmanship in Bombay, in 1975. This was welcomed by the members cheerfully and they promised liberal amounts from their areas Most of them kept their promises. So we were able to distribute a decent amount as Christmas Gift to all the workers for the last two years. The workers were happy and grateful for the same.

I request earnestly on behalf of the Society to all friends, committee members and Council members to contribute liberally on behalf of their area for CHRISTMAS CHEER to our workers and show our interest in their happiness on this festival season.

We have now 56 workers, most of them married and with children.

Friends who send gifts may please indicate in the M.O. coupon or in the note, that the gifts are towards "Christmas Cheer" for workers.

N,B. Please note that the N.M.S. does not permit personal gifts.

All gifts in cash or kind may kindly be sent to the following address.

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"The Word was God"
"The Word was the source of Life,
And this Life brought Light to mankind.
The Light shines in darkness
And darkness has never put it out."
"I am the Light of the world."

Jn. 1:1, 4 & 9:5

PRAYER

O God, who before all others didst call shepherds to the cradle of Thy Son: Grant that by the preaching of the gospel the poor, the humble, and the forgotten, may know that they are at home with thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

(By Rt. Rev. I. P. Andrews, Bishop of Kolhapur and the President of the National Missionary Society of India).

"And the word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth" Jn. 1:14.

The word was made flesh and dwelt among us. This event shows that all barriers between God and man were bridged, as God dwelt among men. Emmanuel meaning God with us i.e men as we are. Birth of Jesus Christ deals with the barriers of fear, distance, time, sacrifice, priestly mediators and sin. Now as children of God, we can have direct access and fellowship with Him. Is this our experience, messnge and witness?

Further in order that we may experience the feilowship of God and behold His glory, there is need of something beyond man, world and this earth to come from heavens above, we need to hear among many human and earthly voices. The voice and word of God in a final and authoritative manner. In order to have a higher order inaugurated among men, we need a divine invasion, involvement, condescension. This ts what the birth of Jesus inaugurates in a higher order of new creation of life, light, peace, grace and truth, power and joy. This word which dwelt among us is bringing heaven's ministry among men. God was in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself. 2 Cor. 5: 17-20.

We as Christians and churches are ambassedors of God. To us is committed the word and ministry of reconciliation. Let the church carry on this message and ministry of reconcilliation — between God and man, within man, between man and man and between man and nature. This is the true meaning of Christmas forgiveness, peace, joy, song, salvation, reconciliation.

Lastly the purposes for which Jesus incarnated must be fulfilled in our lives and we must proclaim it by life, word, deed, faith, witness. Jesus appeared for 3 purposes-a. To take our sins-1 Jn. 3: 5.

His name Jesus means, He saves His people from their sins (b) to destroy the works of the devil-1 Jn. 3: 8 (c) to enable us to live through Him. 1 Jn. 4: 9-14.

May Christmas give us the experience of the purpose of manifestation of Jesus and may our experience result in our expression of that experience. To this end is National Missionary Society committed and commissioned. We are therefore God's ambassedors. May God grant to us this Christmas His special revelation and experience.

With blessings.

(Sd.) Rt. Rev. I. P. Andrews,

President N.M.S.

GENERAL SECRETARY'S LETTER

Dear Brothers and sisters in Christ,

On behalf of the N. M. S. of India and on behalf of myself wish you all

A Very Blessed and Happy Christmas

and

A Bright and Prosperous New Year.

May God Emmanuel be with you in this season and throughout the New Year and bless you with all the best.

Christmas Day is NMS of India's 73rd birth day. Having worked in the Society for 13 years I feel that the foundring of the

Society is an Act of God in the history of the Indian churches. The existence of the Society after many crises is the proof that God wants it to exist as the evangelistic arm of the church. "The Lord has done great things for us" Once a missionary lady who worked for some years in Madras after hearing about the NMS said "you are nobody's child" Being interdenominational and Indigenous you will be ever in need of money. Thirteen years of experience with the Society shows that we are God's children. He who called us is faithful. He has made us sufficient in our insufficiency. So we praise God.

God willing we will be celebrating the **Platinum Jubilee of the Society in 1980.** In the last Executiye Committee a commtree has been appointed to plan for celebration of the same by all Branches and areas, suggestions are made which has to be gone into carefully.

1. To erect a Platinum Jubilee building in the vacant site in the Head office premises, ground floor alone with foundations for three storied building at cost of Rs. 2,22,000/- The gain accrued from it to be used for fulfilling the objects of the Society i. e. to increase pay to workers, and to support any new project. (field).

If it has to be undertaken, it has to be a national project. Every branch and area committee must take part in the same.

Madras City Area Committee under the leadership of Mr. G. Solomon has planned and collected Rs. 41,000/- They will soon achieve Rs. 50,000/- They collect it under the name of Platinum Jubilee Memorial Building Endownment fund cum workers, Relief Fund. Rs 1000/- fromfriends in memory ef their beloved ones. Since the Execufive Committee has approved in principle I place this before our readers as a worthy cause. I hope and trust that all area committees and branches would do their utmost to have this memorial.

The Needs:

The report of the General Secretary's visit to Kashmir appears in the last issue. There are hopes of getting more converts from Muslims. These converts have lost their jobs and disowned by their families. Inspite of the difficulties, they are strong in faith in our Lord and happy. To help these not to be dependent on the church or anybody, but to stand on their own legs and to be an example to the enquirers there is urgent need to train them in the State handicraft of carpet making, carpentry etc. We need fo

this Rs. 25,000/- as initial cost. We have to pay carpet making instructor Rs. 500/- p. m. until one of our man is trained to handle the same. Friends are hereby requested to remember the need and pray for the same.

"The Lord added to the Church Daily"—Puri:

As we all aware that our work is very fruitful in the most difficult centre Puri. The congregation which started with 29 in 1969 has grown to 150 adults only. In all spiritual matters this congregation is in the CNI Diocese of Cuttack, but the missionary work is with the NMS. Every year our Lord adds to the number.

On Nov. 12th 1978, 14 people both men and women were baptized to the glory of God in the presence of and at the request of the Bishop J. K Mohanty of Cuttack Diocese. Later they were recognised as the members of the church. Because of the need of Pastoral care Rev. G. Roshiah was ordained in the chapel in Pentacottah. The General Secretary, Rev. Nanda the Principal of Cuttack Seminary and Rev. Paul Sanjeevi with the Bishop took part in the Service.

All our congregation members are of fisher community. For the last three years their catch and business were not good. They are a cheerful, worshipping, giving and self propagating community. Praise the Lord for He harh done many great things among them. So may i request friends to pray for these people, that God may bless them with good catch and prosperous business.

Though last but not the least. In the last Triennlel Council the members voted 10% increase in the salary of workers with effect from 1-4-1977. Appreciating the concern of people we implemented it, but at the end of the financial year when I reviewed the Income only 6 areas namely Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Bombay, Madras City and South Tamil Nadu have raised more than the budgetted amount and the 19 areas have not raised even their anticipated income (excluding 10% increase) Hence we could not implement the revision of scale of salaries with additional 10% in advance. This situation has landed us in finacial crises. So may I kindly requist all friends and supporters to pray for prayer bringeth concern and to do their utmost to rise to the occasion to raise their full quota.

There is Much Unfinished Task:

The founders of the NMS had wider vision and urgency to take the Gospel to the unreached places in India and in the sorrounding countries.

We have not yet opened centres in all States and Union Territories; not yet crossed the borders of our Mother land.

When we celebrate Christmas we remember the mission of our Lord "Christ came in to world to save sinners". Our Lord said that "Gospel should be preaced to all nations first".

So let us remember the great unfinished Task before us and do our first.

Once again I wish you a Happy & Blessed Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

Yours in His Service
K. G. S DORAIRAJ
General Secretary.

GENERAL SECRETARY'S VISIT TO PURI

Having a fixed date in consultation with the Rt. Rev. J. K. Mohanty Bishop of Cuttack, Church of North India, the General Secretary proceeded to Puri on 7th November '78 morning. Rev. & Mrs. Sanjeevi were also invited by the congregation so they accompanied the General Secretary. We arrived at Puri on 8th Nov. '78 night by 10 p.m. As the Ishapanthy Ashram Building were in had repairs we were lodged in the Sea View Hotel nearer to Pentecottah.

On 9th morning the General Secretary and Rev. & Mrs. Paul Sanjeevi with Rev Roshiah visited the Ishapanthy Ashram and saw the condition of the buildings. The roof of the little chapel in the main plot had broken down and the main building is also under very bad repairs. As nobody lives in the Ashram campus it looks daserted. Ashram is in a quiet place behind Jaganath temple amidst Cashewnut groves. It stands solitary. Since the death of Chidhu no body likes to live there It is under care of a caretaker who is a man of that place. As the Ashram is on the municipal lease land which is still in the name of the National Council of YMCAS and as per the condition of the lease we cannot do anything with the plot or cut even a tree. The lease ends on 22—11—1982. The Bishop of the Diocese and the General Secretary had consultation about this and we felt need to consult a lawyer before spending any money in putting the building in good repairs, We now maintain the ashram by spending for fencing and paying the caretaker, and nobody makes use of the

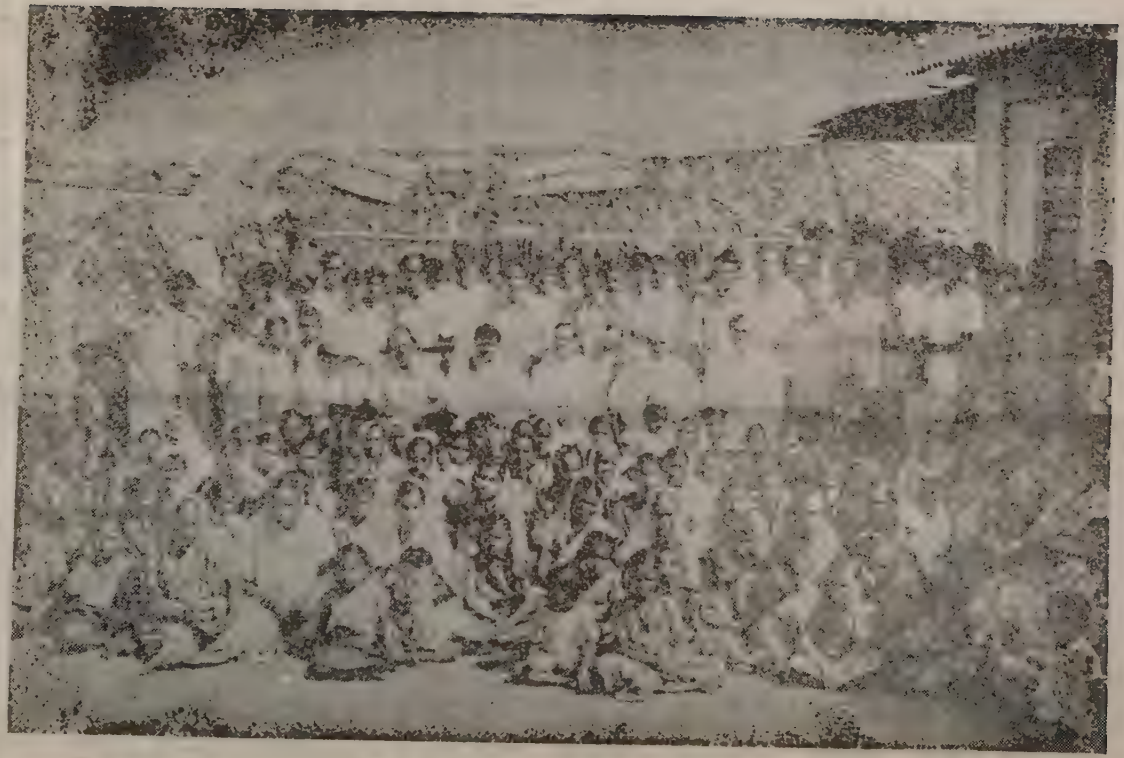
ashram. The congregation of the Pentacottah use the tank in the main plot as their baptism pond and regard it as a sacred place. All the baptisms from 1969 of the Pentacottah telugu congregation were taken place in that tank.

We visited the library. The building is kept in good condition. It was opened in the morning. It lacked equipment to attract non christian pilgrims. After that we visited the telugu un-recognised school run by us in Pentecottah There were about 150 children and 2 teachers, The standard of education is very fair. We visited the congregation members in the evening and had cottage prayer meeting in Mr. Koteeswara Rao's house. It was well attended.

On 10th Nov. '78 we visited the Oriya school in Nolia Sahai. There was prize distribution for children. In the evening we had prayer meeting at Mrs. Kirubamma's house which was also well attended. Rev. Paul Sanjeevi addressed the prayer meeting. Mrs. Santha Sanjeevi gave tamil songs at the request of the congregation. After prayer meeting the candidates for baptism were examined and found fit for baptism, Returned late at night to the hotel.

On 11th morning we met Mr. Mahopathra the President of the local branch and who is in charge of the library and had consultation about the library. At 11 a.m. Bishop J. K. Mohanty and Rev. Nanda arrived at the library. We had a library committee meeting under the chairmanship of the Bishop Mohanty and felt the absolute necessity for equipping the library **urgently** and also make use of the library to do indirect evangelism in the context of religious freedom bill being revived and Pundas being opposed to the Gospel preaching. In consultation with to the Bishop it was agreed that 2 days in a week to have bajanas singing with Bible reading with amplifier fitted within the premises. If anybody is attracted we could distribute literature and contact them. So we have instructed the worker to do the same. One day Telegu bajana and another day Oriya bajana The library to be kept open In the evening till we find a proper librarian for the work. In the evening of 11th. November we had Pastorate annual meeting. The General Secretary was invited to attend.

On 12th Nov, '78 Sunday early morning the candidates for baptism were present by 6-30 a.m. at the Ashram tank. The General Secretary with Rev. Paul Sanjeevi was also present. When Bishop came, on his request the General Secretary baptised 12 people and Rev, Sanjeevi 2.



The Group taken outside the Chapel after the Ordination Service.

The Group of People who were Baptized on 12—11—1971 with Bishop Rt. Rev. J. K. Mohanty, General Secretary, Rev, Nanda and Rev. Paul Sanjeevi

General Secretary Baptizing

PURI CONVERTS :

	Hindu Name	Christian Name
1.	M. Sathyavathi	M. Saramma
2.	M. Rama Rao	M. Mathew
3.	M. Nageswara Rao	M. Barnabas
4.	P. Narsamma	P. Annamma
5.	P. Thirinadu	P. Paul
6.	P. Narayana	P. Mark
7.	P. Bagyalakshmi	P. Lydia
8.	R. V. Laxmi	R. Mariyamma
9.	Kamamma	Kanagamma
10.	G. Nagamma	G. Marthamma
11.	G. Rajiah	G. Rathnaiah
12.	Ganga Raju	Andrews
13.	Della Rao	Jacob
14.	Bima Rao	John

After baptism at 10-30 a.m. we started the ordination service. Bishop conducted the ordination for Rev. G. Roshiah. Rev. Nanda the Principal of the Cuttack Seminary was also present and took part in the service. It was a nice Impressive and inspiring service. The Church was full. The whole collection was given to the Diocese. After the service we had a lunch with the congregation.

Ordination of Rev. G. Roshiah

In the evening we attended a service in the Oriya church. The General Secretaty and the Bishop preached. Rev. Nanda conducted the service After the service we had NMS branch meeting. It was a good meeting. The General Secretary requested the branch to send the reserve amount they have, to the Headquarters as per the decision of the Executive Ccmmittee They said they would take the decision in the next meeting. After the meeting the General Secretary visited some of the congregation members and took part in the dinner provided by the branch. After night rest we started by 7-30 a.m. to Madras.

The readers are aware of the importance of Puri pilgrim centre. The library is in a strategic centre. Because of Religino

Freedom bill which prohibits open Gospel work we do not have a chance to preach in the open as we did in the past. As suggested we have to use the media of library. We need Reading materials and books. This would cost us Rs. 3000/- an annual recurring expense for the librarian and also Rs. 1000/- for books. Friends who wish to help this cause by prayer and contribution are kindly requested to do so. If friends send contribution let them indicate' FOR PURI LIBRARY.

WEDDING OF JAWADHI HILLS

When tho Psalmist says "Thy ways are perfect O Lord", it reflects his rich and close experience with the Lord.

As I witnessed the solemn marriage service conducted by eight presbyters at St. John's Church, Fort Vellore and as I saw the calm face of the bridegroom Mr. Jayaraj Samuel and the serene face of Saramma, the bride, my heart echoed the words "Thy ways are perfect O Lord".

Mr. Jayaraj Samuel is "the fruit of the labour of NMS at Jawadhi Hills. He is a tribal boy and has picked up and nurtured by Rev.& Mrs. Elias. With their help and guidance and financial help from Sadhu Sundar singh Trust, Jayaraj Samuel completed his high schcol and did his Theological course at Bangarapet.

He was posted at Alleri a very difficult steep hill and was working there for two years. Saramma a trained nurse came to us five years ago and hails from Kerala. She was sent to Nodanoor and has been falthfully serving the Lord and pleasing her superiors and co-workers for the past five years. Her oneness of mind and fortitude to overcome all difficulties calls for deep appreciation.

The Lord worked in the hearts of some people to bring these two people in Holy matrimony. The parents were consulted. Jayaraj Samuel's parents gave him their blessingc though he will be an outcaste where the family and property are concerned. Saramma's parents gave their consent not very willingly beceuse Nadanoor is a very difficult area and the last lap of the Journey to reach the place is to walk fiftean miies and it takes five hours by a short route. She comes fr m a good, godly Syrian Christian family.

Since St. John's Church, Vellore has a direct and deep involvement with the work at Nadanoor, the marriage was held there. With Rev. J. J. Pratt and Dr. Mrs Job and the other members of St John's as hosts. The arrangements were made with the guidance of Rev. K. G. S. Doraiaj the General Secretery.

Since Saramma is supported by the Marthoma church, I solicited the help and support of the Marthoma church for this special occasion. Rev. V. Thomas was most cooperative in allow-

ing me to speak to the congregation and he sent two representatives Mrs. Cherian and Mrs. George not not only to attend the wedding but also sent a generous gift of Rs. 1700/- in answer tc my appeal. Col. & Mrs. Varam, President of the Bangalore Branch and Mrs. Phyllis Das also attended.

Rev. K. G. S. Dorairaj, Mrs. Aruna Dorairaj & Mrs. Isaac & her son from Madras were Present. The field workers in Jawadi hills were also present. Rev. S. Gnanasundramani our Ex-organising secretary arranged for the reception.

We are thankful to Rev. J. J. Pratt for throwing open is house for the marriage party.

Much more than money and gifts what is most helpful is personal touch with our workers. People living close to the field must make some attempt to visit them, get to know them personnally and uphold them in our prayers.

It was a great joy to receive Jayaraj Samuel and Saramma to our home at Bangalore for a short visit-part of their honeymoon. MaY the Lord Bless them abundantly and give them many, many years of happy married life. Jayaraj is the son of the soil, where Jawadhi Hills is concerned and we hape and pray God will bless and enrich him to win all of the villages in the hill range for Chrisr.

Grace Sathyaraj,
Vice President.

INDIAN MISSIONS ASSOCIATION

We received the notice about the first conference of the Indian Missions Association at Quiet corner near Ooty. As the General Secretary was not in good health he thought of deputing somebody. As that person could not attend he had to take up the trip. The Quiet corner is a very nice place for a retreat. Members and invltees reached the Quite corner (via) Bangalore and Mysore. It was a nice fellowship of the various missionaries bodies. It was presided by Executive Secretary of the EFI. Mr. John Richard. Some of the bodies represented are IEM, FGYMA and its auxilary full gospel Young Women's Association, the church growth movement, IMM, Missionaries training institute at Nasik 1st day we had introduction and sharing of work. Next day business meeting. Though NMS is not a member the General Secretary was permitted to be present and it was a good occasion to understand objects and activities of the other missionary societies.

NMS can make use of Missionary Training Institute for refresher course to NMS workers.

General Secretary.

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AN APPEAL FOR CHRISTMAS CHEER

Dear friends,

The Christmas, the festival of JOY is fast approaching. The society is ever grateful to all the friends who helped the Society to CHEER the workers of the N.M.S. on this happy season by their liberal contributions in the past. The N.M.S. missionaries are in the most difficult places, devoid of any Christian fellowship and without chances of participating in Christian festivities. Some of them can not even attend a Christmas service. They are in such places on our behalf carrying the Good News of Salvation to the unreached people, in all states of our country.

The late Bishop Joshi initiated the CHRISTMAS CHEER to workers in the Executive meeting under his chairmanship in Bombay, in 1975 This was welcomed by the members cheerfully and they promised liberal amounts from their areas. Most of them kept their promises. So we were able to distribute a decent amount as Christmas Gift to all the workers for the last two years. The workers were happy and grateful for the same.

I request earnestly on behalf of the Society to all friends committee members and Council members to contribute liberally on behalf of their areas for CHRISTMAS CHEER to our workers and show our interest in their happiness on this festival season.

We have now 56 workers, most of them married and with children

Friends who send gifts may please indicate in tho M.O. coupon or in the note that the gifts are towards "Christmas Cheer" for workers.

N.B. Please note that the N.M.S. does not permit personal gifts.

All gifts in cash or kind may kindly be sent to the following address.

Address : THE NATIONAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF INDIA
206, Peters Road, Royapettah, MADRAS-600 014.
General Secretary.

On behalf of all the workers of the N.M.S. I thank all the friends who contributed for X'mas Cheers.
General Secretary.

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